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or cuts of yourself or friend collectors. This way you can help make the WEST more interesting and it is up to you to help us out.

One of our oldest readers, Cook of California, has been a collector over sixty years says he considers the WEST the king of all collectors' papers. P. Mekeel of Michigan says he can't get along without the WEST.

The first year book seen this year is from Rotnem, Pres. Junior Amer. Phil. Society and he says Precancel club made most gain in past three months of any society. Glad to see Denver Stamp Club reorganized with C. Nast as President and the next meeting is to be held on February 14 at 619 Mining Exchange Bldg., Denver. Adams of Casper, Wyo., reports several collectors showing more interest and having him order albums, catalogs, packets and other stamps to help them out. He got them enthusiastic and the germ worked on him. He has started again to build up another collection. Last one he sold in 1914. His Postcards sure great. See ad.

We are more than sorry to have to report the loss of World's oldest stamp dealer, W. S. Lincoln, who started dealing in stamps in 1856. He told me in 1908 he was distant relative of our President Abe Lincoln. Before the war he carried large ads in the WEST. We have one of his catalogs issued 1861. He always was keenly interested in helping the young collectors and sent us many notes. First time 28 years Counterfeit 2c Postage stamps made their appearance.

We publish a portion of Memoriam, Herbert Bowen, sent us by Boers of Detroit society and mention on another page regards the death of Bowen, who was one of the WEST'S first subscribers. We found he was always pleased to meet collectors.

Naturally, Detroit Philatelic Society have known Mr. Bowen most intimately along the lines of our hobby, and we leave it to his associates in his other activities to tell of the intimacies which bound him to them along these lines.

His interest in philately dates back to the years when our hobby was generally regarded more as a boy's pastime than as a fit subject for the serious attention of mature, cultured men. Collecting stamps because he loved them as such, rather than because of the mere commercial value of this, that, or the other specimen, he long ago attained a position of authority, both local and national, that was exceeded only by the personal regard in which he was everywhere held. While he was what might be termed a "universal specialist," in that the stamps of all countries had a fascination for him, which he gratified generously, it was the stamps of our own country which really occupied first place in his affections, particularly the revenue stamps, both general issues and private proprietaries, as to which he was a country-wide authority, and his collection of which ranked among the foremost in the country, until, calmly accepting his physician's warning that his days were numbered, he undertook the distribution of his philatelic treasures among his family and friends. And it is gratifying to know that Mr. Bowen, after years of patient, uncomplaining bearing of the standard of good old substantial issues of all countries, lived to see and appreciate, with the arrival of every stamp publication, whose perusal served to while away the hours in

his retirement, the gratifying way in which these untainted classics have at last forged into their deserved position of leadership.

Although Mr. Bowen's health had prevented his attendance at our meetings for some years, scarcely a meeting passed without his name being mentioned or his opinion quoted as controlling authority on what was under discussion. And it is worthy to note, that those fortunate enough to be able to quote him had always had to ask for his opinion; he was far too modest to offer it unsolicited. He indeed will be missed, but his quiet, consistent support of everything honorable, upright, and discriminating, cannot but profoundly influence, throughout the years to come, all whom he honored with his friendship.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.—By Tarpy.

Grinnell, Iowa, is a precancel, new to the writer, which was first seen this week. They are rubber stamped, the stamp taking twenty-five stamps, five by five, at each impression. Had the pleasure of seeing some of the work done; all values exist up to 30c and possibly higher. It is a new thing and they are very particular about the job and no inverts were seen.

They are used principally in sending to their homes the laundry of the student body of Grinnell College but are also used extensively for Parcel Post shipments by the Grinnell Glove Co.

Some changes must have recently been made in the stamping machines in the Stamped Envelope Factory. Circular Die "F" of the 2c denomination has just been found on size 5 blue paper. In all the years the circular dies have been in use this is the first die "F" to be found on any size except 8 and 13. Though once before listed it was due to a confusion in die identification and this is the first authentic use of this die on this size.

Another out of the ordinary instance is the recent use of die "H" of the circular 2c dies on size 3 white. It had never been found before on any size smaller than 5. This die "H" 2 cent has been found several times in the past year on size 5 white in the "low back" knife. Heretofore die "H", both 2 cent and 3 cent came only on "high back" and it was supposed this die would not fit in any machine except the ones cutting the high back envelopes.

Another oddity which has been a long time in coming to light is the 1 cent oval die series of 1911 on size three in die "D". This die "D" of the 1 cent had not been found on any size smaller than 5 in any series and it was in use from 1912 to 1917.

ENCASED STAMPS.

Some weeks ago, we received from a correspondent two examples of encased German stamps intended for use as currency in order to facilitate the passage of change. The 10pf. and 40 pf. of the current issue are protected in a white metal case, with transparent covering and on the reverse is the wording "Bernh. Pulver und Blattmetal-Fabriken." Our friend writes: "From Ullmann & Co., Fuerth, (Bayern), Bronzefarben, Aluminium information I have received, I learn that the entire issue has been bought by collectors and that they ask a high price."

ENVELOPE NOTES.—B. R. J. Tarpy.

The last notes published in this publication were written in May and published in October, let us hope these fare better.

In those items the writer expressed the opinion that the list of overprinted envelopes might reach a total of 1,500. This goal has now (Nov. 1st) been almost reached. The writer has now a total of 1470 listed as being known, of which 1191 are in his collection.

Many collectors became disheartened by the large number of varieties and are collecting entire by one of several simplified forms or are collecting them "cut square;" but there is no doubt there are twelve to fifteen really big collections of these overprints each one of which probably contains varieties not in any of the others. And from this very fact it is easy to see that there will never be any "complete" collection of these in the hands of any one collector. In fact if a "complete list" of all varieties is ever compiled it will be a big job to get even that out.

In the time intervening since the last notes were written the overprints for Meridian and Manchester, N. H., have appeared. One supposed to be from San Juan has also been found but the writer has never seen a copy sufficiently clear to say if it is a distinct variety or not.

At one time in the early fall when it seemed that 3c postage might come back, all offices who were overprinting received orders to discontinue the work, but this was later recinded and at this time they appear to be finishing up the tail ends of the work all over the country. All offices where they are on sale have received instructions to push the sale of all remaining on hand so the "economy envelope" will soon be a thing of the past. Practically none are now on sale at any large offices except a few odd sizes which are not often used and some of which are not on the current schedule at all, so seldom are they in demand.

It is still rather early to figure out just what are the rare envelopes in this series but a few may be mentioned which are rare from the cut square collector's standpoint or that of the "die and color" entire collector. This "die and color collection" being simply a cut square collection on the entire envelope instead of cut out. A, amber Boston is rare and both New York's H, blue are scarce but not unobtainable. Philadelphia blue H, buff A and F, and amber H have been reported all of which are very rare.

Of Oklahoma City almost all colors are scarce, some being of extreme rarity only one or two copies known.

Indianapolis has several rare ones E and F amber and E, buff being probably the scarcest. Columbus has almost no colors known and the writer has never seen an E white though it has been reported.

Pittsburgh's rarest known is probably A blue. St. Paul's amber H though A blue and A buff are also rare. Des Moines F amber is unknown to the writer though probably exists. Most all Kansas City colors are rare. Of Los Angeles F white, E blue and E buff are the rarest to date. Of St. Louis II the rarest known to the writer are A amber and A buff. San Antonio A amber is the rarest. Many other rare ones all through the list but this gives some idea of how difficult it is to complete even a "cut square" collection.

HAS RARE AMERICAN ISSUE.

Coin Collection of Ohioan Includes a \$7 Bill Printed in 1778.

People who have never seen a \$7 bill are inclined to doubt the existence of one. However that may be, H. W. Cowgill of Canton, O., has one in his collection of coins and notes of the United States.

This remarkable bill was issued by the continental congress at Philadelphia in 1778. It is printed on stiff parchment, like bond, which perhaps once was white, but is now yellowed with age. On one side is stamped a seal, evidently a congressional seal, beside which is printed seven dollars. The bill entitled the bearer to receive seven Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver. Under this inscription is a signature written in ink, but so faded that it is now illegible. On the reverse side is inscribed a motif with a leaf design, under which are printed the words, "Printed by Hall & Selleps, 1778."

In Mr. Cowgill's collection there is a silver dollar issued in 1795; it is one and one-half inches in diameter, the size of the United States silver dollar issued now. There is also a silver half dollar issued in 1806, similar in design except that instead of the eagle on one side there is the shield of the United States. The most curious feature about these coins is that their denominations are stamped on the edges.

PRECANCEL NOTES.—By R. J. Tarpy.

In the current issue of the Dubuque, Ia., precancels of the rubber stamp type, similar to Bushnell's universal type 11, there is a minor variety of considerable interest. In the ordinary type the period after Iowa is on a line with the bottom of the letters and in the minor variety it is almost as high as the cross bar of the A. It is possible to get pairs showing both types.

Can any one tell if something similar isn't the case with the current Springfield, Ohio, rubber stamp type, Bushnell's Universal Type 16. Have found on the same package, but not in pairs however, these stamps of the same values both with period after Ohio and without and also with the word Ohio in the same type as Springfield instead of all capitals. On one shipment of heavy implement repairs there were three of the 30c value one of which had the small type Ohio, the others were without the period but of the regular type. On the same package was a 20c regular type but with period.

The current issue of Waterloo, Iowa, has caused some confusion among collectors, both in the printed and rubber stamp types. To take up the rubber stamps first; there have been four different stamps in use but whether there is very much difference in them the writer is unable to say except that there are two types in which the IOWA varies very much in height.

To get a good understanding of the Waterloo precancels it is necessary to see how they are mainly used in that city. The big users are the four big farm implement factories, Gasoline Engine Co., (a branch of the Deere Plow

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Co.), the Associated Mfg. Co. the Litchfield Mfg. Co., Wm. Galloway Co.

These four companies use precancels in sending their repairs all over the U. S. and even to foreign countries. The next largest user is probably a wholesale cigar house, but their goods are mostly sent out only in the state of Iowa.

It is on account of these firms that most anything is apt to turn up in Waterloo precancels because they get many small remittances in postage stamps and these are all taken to the post office and precanceled and turned back to them to use in sending out their repairs and cigars. These are all of the various rubber stamp varieties. There are two postoffices in Waterloo one on each side of the river and this work is done at both offices. It was a new employee at the East Side Postoffice who once stamped up such a bunch using the violet registry pad instead of the black pad used for this work ordinarily.

The regular printed surcharge has also been confusing in that two types seemed to be used concurrently and such is indeed the case but in the ratio of ten to one.

The old plate in use since 1908 was damaged about the time the perf. 11 stamps came into use so a new plate was sent from Washington which was Bushnell's Universal Type 3; but this plate was dropped and the bottom row damaged and to repair it one row off the old plate was put in place of the damaged bottom row so that ten out of each hundred stamps are of the old type.

It is thus possible to get vertical pairs showing both types of any perf. 11 Waterloo which is known to exist either normal or inverted. All values from one cent to thirty are precancelled by "printing" at Waterloo except the thirteen cent which so far exists only in the rubber stamp. The twelve cent has not yet been precancelled in the new type as there is still a large supply of the old style on hand.

Probably all values from 1c to 30c can be found in pairs showing both types except the 12c and 13c. But we have never seen the 1c offset inverted, 3c ordinary inverted, 9c inverted, 11c normal or 30c normal.

The 50c is known rubber stamped normal.

PRECANCELS.

Precancel collectors can now extend their activities to France also. The French Post Office Department last year adopted precancellation at Paris only. The 5 and 15 centimes are the only values so treated up to the present; they are cancelled POSTES-PARIS-1920 (or 1921) in three lines. They are good during the year of issue and the first three months of the succeeding year.

What stamp has the highest face value? Mr. W. H. Regan claims it to be the £1,000 embossed Natal stamp, of which he has a framed copy in his office. These early Natal stamps, relics of stamp productions, have never achieved popularity, and are seldom found in good condition. The same method of embossing was adopted for producing both postal and fiscal duties—and of course Mr. Regan's stamp is a fiscal. Can any reader produce a higher denomination?

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A PHILATELIC AUTOBIOGRAPHY.—By Horace Edgar Jones.

(Continued from last issue.)

I have found that the history, culture, art and languages of the various countries are well worth studying for the same reasons. Best of all it adds to one's own education and education is one thing that cannot be burnt up or otherwise lost.

An important branch of philatelic learning is the manufacture of stamps, and the materials entering into their make-up. Some of these are neglected lines. For example, too little study is given to the manufacture of the various inks from which the various stamps are printed. Where can one find in our philatelic literature the reason why one dull ink is suitable for lithography and another shiny ink for engraving?

If you study your stamps you will not have to use the investment excuse. You will find that the stimulus it gives towards acquiring a broad and ready knowledge of the world's affairs is the best possible return on the relatively small investment required and, further, you will be able to be an entertaining conversationalist to almost anyone because most people are always interested in something that they are not well versed in.

Philately is also a profession. Those who make it so are called in the vernacular, "dealers," but that term should be reserved for those of immature knowledge and experience who dabble in stamps. It is a profession calling for the most exacting and astute study of its field and is not to be entered into casually.

Most of us will admit that philately has the ear-marks of being a branch of science or a profession, but who dares to say that it has reached its highest development? Philately today is carried on in the same haphazard unorganized way that it was years ago. In every other line of endeavor, efficiency is the watchword and it should be the goal of philately.

Why do we lack efficiency? To begin with we have no national philatelic body. To be sure there are four claimants, the A. P. S., the N. P. S., the S. P. A., and the M. P. A., but each has the other three as rivals. There is no valid reason for such a disgraceful division of resources. The reason is jealousy. If we had but one society it would be the notable factor in every branch of the philatelic world instead of merely an accessory of the American collector. We could have a catalogue published by and for philatelists and not a makeshift full of inconsistencies published by and for So and Co., if we had one philatelic society. A dictionary arranged by countries and all inclusive containing, for example full explanations of the designs, inscriptions—and I mean inscriptions in the languages hard to understand such as those of the Orient—and symbols of every type of stamp would be a worthy work for such a society. We could have a series of hand books that would cover the globe and which would make a complete "last word on the subject"—any subject library. We could have started a philatelic university which by means of a text book would lay the entire field of philately before the student's eye. No longer would a really sincere student remove stamps from the original covers only to regret it later on when the true appreciation of these things comes through bitter experience. He would, in short,

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know what he wants to collect and what he wants to avoid by having the methods of decision laid before him.

If we had a united philatelic body, we would not see as we do today that the dealers are not always generous in their applause of another dealer who has done a really meritorious service in the unearthing of new and hitherto unknown facts. It is often that the unpleasant sight of many cases of green jealousy and ugly remarks are given instead of the congratulations common to other modern business men.

Another branch that is wasteful is philatelic literature. Philately has not an unlimited purse to pay for paper and ink hence organization is necessary to combine the many fragments into a few real wholes. Examples are legion in the many worthless house-organs now so prevalent. Each house-organ hurts the philatelic literature end by dividing its resources. Then there are too many journals. American philately should have only one journal but it should be by and for the American philatelist. If there was only one journal it could easily have 100 to 200 pages each month, cover philately from every angle, take care of every dealer better than he can take care of himself—because the paper would reach every philatelist, because the subscription would be within the reach of all. If the subscription was \$2.50 or \$3.00 a year would it not be better than spending that much for a dozen magazines and then having to leave out another dozen too? This magazine would not only contain many original articles but it would also contain a complete review of the current philatelic literature of other countries—a thing worth the effort by itself. Our journal should be not only a news medium but also a constructive force towards advanced philatelic study and should make philatelists and not hobbyists out of the recruits. In the end, through a little unselfish co-operation on everybody's part, we would be able to lay the foundation of a philatelic library which we would be able to use because compact and easy of access. What is more, such a library would be authoritative.

Philatelic literature, on the other hand, needs encouragement. I wonder if many good students are not either too shy or too selfish to publish the results of their study? I think that the consolidated American philatelic body, as described above, would be a far better medium of encouragement to this branch of philately, than a philatelic literature society such as was agitated sometime ago. It seems that it was desired solely to give another opportunity for some ever active philatelic society organizers to advertise themselves once more because it was said that these specific men must be present to make the matter a success. But it was, and if ever carried out on those lines would be, a mere passing show. No thought was to be given to the obtaining of a superior philatelic literature or one of more varied abundance and no more incentive for others to enter the field than is now given was noted.

(To be continued.)

DICKEY NOTES.

Reminiscent of years ago, I recall selling dated Chicago precancels for one cent each, that was in 1898. I also sold miscellaneous rare precancells for one-half cent each at that time.

In 1901 I sold Chas. Wilson one bushel of stamps, minerals, etc., for \$5.00, and among the stuff were several hundreds of 1898 proprietary revenues, many of them being precancells.

In 1902 I sold one of my albums of U. S. stamps to an eastern dealer for \$200 00 cash, this being the largest amount of money I had ever had at one time. I hardly missed these stamps, as I had gathered up by gifts, and hunting them up, thousands of U. S. stamps which I still have.

I recall a fat dressmaker who sewed for my mother, I asked her where she came from, and she said Brazil; and I begged her to give me some Brazilian stamps; and she laughed and said: "I'll bring you dozens of them tomorrow," and I had the pleasure of soaking off of the envelope dozens of the 10's, 20's 30's etc., of those pretty little Brazil stamps. Wouldn't original cover seekers have loved those Brazils?

I remember visiting up at my Uncle's, in another city, and a nephew had access to his old correspondence; and he got several cigar boxes full of stamps, and of course I brought home another peck of stamps, as cancelled stamps were considered worthless in those days.

I think there should be a distinction and a difference drawn between persons who collect stamps for the sheer joy of the hunt, and because of liking stamps for their beauty alone; and the collectors who collect only because they can make money out of collecting. To me a common Columbian 1893 U. S. stamp is still as pretty as any I own. I collected stamps for years without knowing or realizing that they had any market value to stamp collectors; so it seems deplorable to me that some collectors care only for the money side of the game.—H. S. Dickey, the Stamp Man, Newton, Kas.

USE TINTED PAPER.

Tinted paper for the leaves of stamp albums is the novel idea advanced by a prominent American collector. He takes the stand that the white paper of the albums now made is frequently annoying to the eyes, especially under artificial light, as mostly used, and that a very faint tint in the pages would relieve this strain on the vision.

Some new issues of stamps are certainly bringing wide variation in prices of American dealers. One dealer has asked \$1.00 for the forbidden set of Bulgarian stamps (the Ferdinand series), and another dealer goes to the opposite extreme by asking only 5 cents per set of five.

U. S. stamp auctioneers have been sending out catalogues priced and numbered by the advance sheets of Scott's catalogue. A prominent American collector says that this advance pricing undoubtedly causes the dealers loss of hundreds of orders because the greater number of the collectors who receive the catalogues have not the advance sheets, and do not buy at the new numbers and prices. The collector making this statement said he alone had passed up at least 150 stamps alone because of this advance pricing—Philatelic Magazine, Eng.

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DEALING IN STAMPS.

Mark Co. Circular says: It was only in the middle of the last century that dealing in postage stamps for collectors came into existence, although postage stamps to be affixed to letters were known as early as 1653. At that time a certain Monsieur de Valayer of Paris was granted the privilege, by King Louis XIV., of conducting a letter delivery system in that city, and to show that charges for delivery of a letter had been paid, labels, or stamps were attached to it. Sardinia used before 1836 various-colored wafer-stamps to indicate pre-payment of delivery charges on letters.

Stamp dealing in its infancy was mostly carried on by book and stationery stores occasionally by tobacco stores, and mostly as a side line. Dealers in antiques, with their sensitive noses for good things, also dabbled in stamps. By and by the dealing in stamps for collectors developed, and today it is a "recognized commercial branch."

From these side line "dealers" and the "boy dealers" of the 60's and 70's some of the largest stamp dealers blossomed and are carrying on to this day exclusively and expansively in stamps. Most businesses start small. Nowadays opportunities and possibilities are not less favorable than they were sixty years ago. Competition may be greater, but on the other hand the number of collectors has since then grown far faster proportionally than the number of dealers.

Perusing ten-year-old back numbers of one of the present leading stamp weeklies, one is surprised to note how many starters in the business, using then the adlet page to advertise their goods, have pushed to the front ranks of stamp dealers, and are now using large display advertisements in the same weekly. To conceive the stamp business solely as a game of wits is wrong. It is a business like every other, governed by demand and supply.

Stamp collecting spreading as rapidly as it is, provides on ever increasing demand, and he who can satisfy part of it by a changing and good supply of stamps is sure to make a success of a stamp business venture, with or without wits.

Wholesale houses of reputation, long years of experience, vast resources, and an organization working the whole world, furnish the supply. Not only this, but they can also give helpful advice in regards to selecting stock, selling methods, or place other information at the disposal of the man entering the field.

It would be too optimistic a statement to make: "There are no thorns on the rose-strewn path" of the stamp dealer, but it is not so when stating that there are more roses than thorns.

A stamp dealer's stock is not subjected to sudden disastrous collapses, as stocks of grain, cotton, sugar and other commodities. There is no deterioration nor depreciation, rather the reverse is generally the case in a stock of stamps.

Dealing in stamps can be started on the proverbial shoestring.

"With little capital, but determination and grit,

Little by little, and bit by bit,

A prosperous business can be built."

WEST BUSINESS IS TO PLEASE YOU OR WE BOTH LOSE.

DEATH OF HERBERT BOWEN.

Detroit has lost one of its most widely known Philatelists, Mr. Herbert Bowen, who died on December 17 after a long illness.

As a stamp collector he collected for many years and has a most valuable collection. Many of the rarest are amongst his treasures. Never tiring of collecting he was one of the most loved men amongst collectors, not alone locally but was also one of the early members of the A. P. Society, and member of Board of Trustees several years. One of organizers of Detroit Philatelists' Society in which he held a number of offices.

Mr. Bowen was seventy-seven years old. He was an attorney here for fifty-five years.

Studied law under Justice B. F. Graves in Battle Creek, came to Detroit in 1866 and went into partnership with Judge S. T. Douglass.

He was Library Commissioner many years and contributed largely to the library. In fact one of these was names after him.

He was a member of the Prismatic and Acanthus Clubs.

Four children survive him. Funeral was held on December 20 from the residence.

Was also member U. S. Revenue Society collecting Tax Paid as a side issue. Even of these he had a big collection. Mr. Bowen has been sickly for some years and of late very seldom came down town.

The publisher of The West has known him for many years. He had been a reader from about the first year.

THE SALON DE L'AVIATION, PARIS.

Stamp Collecting says: In visiting this wonderful exposition of aircraft in Paris, philatelists were happy to find exhibited, although in a secluded corner, two glass-covered frames, one containing examples of letters carried by aeroplane and the other a small collection of air mail stamps.

The displays were, however (writes our Special Correspondent, Mr. H. B. Gould) pitifully small, and without a word of explanation. While it is appreciated as a step in the right direction, it is to be greatly regretted that some of the Paris Societies of Philatelists, or, above all, the International Society of Postage Stamp Dealers of Paris, did not have a complete exhibit of this new and important department properly displayed and written up.

Associated as it is with aerial development of all lands, such an exhibit could have been made a complete and interesting history of aerial progress, one which would have attracted the attention and held the interest of the majority of the tens of thousands of visitors to the exposition. The opportunities in this connection for "extension work" would have been limited only by the initiative display in the arrangement and presentation of the exhibit.

It is to be hoped that another year will not pass without all arrangements being made for a complete exhibition of air mail stamps in connection with the annual salon.

FOREIGN REVENUE STAMPS.—By Oscar T. Hartmann.

In about 1905 I commenced buying postage again, after somebody inveigled me to buy a collection. About that time, I forget the guilty person handed me a lot of foreign looking revenue stamps, among them a 500 pesos Mexican Aduana (custom). They interested me and as there were no catalogues about, except the U. S. revenues in Scott's, Meheel's Mexican revenues and a small price list of Canadian. It appealed to enter an unknown field and side-tracking above three countries, I commenced to ask exchange in foreign countries, giving postage for foreign revenues. In the early stage of the game I got exchange about ten to one. By slow degrees I commenced to find out the common of the better class, but not many rarities have come my way, perhaps because I did not look for them. Had an eye too much for the commercial end, but with all that I have now a collection of 15,000 different revenues, among them several hundred U. S., mostly tax paid and got a special liking for cigarette stamps. Did not try to get any Mexico, but still have about 1,000 different, also pairs, strips of three, four and five, few blocks, entire sheets o. g., etc. Canada, about the same way, among them the three sizes of the first tobacco bands of 1860, absolutely perfect. Another reason, why I am for revenues is that no perforation, reprints, o. g. or used are considered. There are a few counterfeits, but they command a better price than the genuine. Different perforations exist, like Austria from 1850 to 1893 had the whole range from 8 to 15 perforation, also the English colonies, their 12 and 14, a few Prussian, etc. No reprints or issues for exploitation of the pocketbook of the victim. Original gum will never play an important part, as only a multi-millionaire would be cranky enough to buy present issues like a 10,000 pesos Argentine, £100 Great Britain, a 100,000 reis Ceara, Brazil, many of the 1,000 marks of German states, or the 250 pesos of present Mexican documents, besides many a stamp is affixed to documents, without cancelling, as they have to stay on the document for many years as a rule. Another point a revenue collector can consider is, that he can know all about new issues. Still it takes a length of time, before they come into the market. In 1898 Austria issued a new series of revenues, among them a 72 heller, but I could not get hold of one for many years until I got about 100 at once. In my collection I had all the krenzer values of Austria complete for many years, except a 90 hr of 1890, which finally turned up and even today out of the 500 issued up to 1910, I lack 12 values. They are of no particular scarcity, but my friends on the other side cannot find any. At present I am buying all new revenue issues o. g., and my correspondent secured me several sets of stock transfers, surcharged, Deutsch Oesterreich, but failed to send the high value of 50 Kronen. Finally at the cost of 500 Kronen he got me 3 copies after spending ten days to find them. But this makes the joy of satisfaction to get or find something we hunt for.

Finally I am willing to pass judgment on any U. S. manuscript surcharge on the Spanish Sello, Giso, Timbre movil, as I have an original letter, sent

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to me, giving the signature of the three clerks of the Manilla office in 1898.

Foreign revenues coming into their own. Some big collectors are in this field who have 25,000 or more varieties in their collections, or you can form a nice skeleton collection, or become a specialist of one country. The field is wide, but the main point is join the rank and file. Become a revenue collector. 'Nough said.

STAMP NOTES.

Report of Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The annual report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921, and as usual contains much interesting information.

There were 77,830,000 sheets of United States notes and certificates delivered to the Treasurer of the United States; 2,000 sheets of 3.65 per cent District of Columbia registered bonds; 22,709,675 sheets of Liberty loan bonds; 11,883 sheets of gold notes of the United States Victory Liberty loan; 315,231 sheets of certificates of indebtedness and 98,000 sheets of Treasury coupon notes to the Division of Loans and Currency; 13,004,810 sheets of national bank currency; 45,030,000 sheets of Federal reserve currency, and 72,660,900 sheets of Federal reserve notes to the Comptroller of the Currency; 67,990,966 sheets of internal revenue stamps (5,999,851,065 stamps) to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; 331,500 sheets of customs stamps to the Division of Printing and Stationery; 128,476,655 sheets of United States postage and parcel-post stamps to postmasters on orders of the Postmaster General; 551,216 sheets of Philippine postage stamps to the bureau of posts, Manila, P. I., on orders of the secretary of War; 1,308,890 sheets of Philippine national bank circulating notes, Philippine Treasury certificates, notes for the bank of the Philippine Islands, etc., postal cards to the Government of the Philippine Islands; 491,000 sheets of cigarette stamps, and 5,000 sheets of internal revenue excise stamps to the government of Porto Rico; 250 sheets of internal revenue stamps for the Virgin Islands.

Of the so-called "Tax-Paid" stamps of all kinds there were printed 67,990,966 sheets or 5,999,851,065 stamps. Of the Pilgrim tercentenary stamps, series of 1920, there was delivered to postmasters 344,104,880. The total number of United States postage, special delivery, and postage due stamps delivered to postmasters were 13,990,627,517. And to the government of the Philippine Islands there was delivered 55,082,880 postage and special delivery stamps.

A recent press report states that South Africa is to issue new stamps illustrated with noted landscape sceneries.

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TUBES TWISTED AND DRIED—By E. R. Vanderhoof.

"When Life's last picture is painted" and the cross bones support a new grin; when the mortal coil has been uncoiled, and the last hinge has been licked; when flattery ceases to soothe the ear and we banquet not where we eat but are eaten—at the diet of WORMS—what is going to happen to your collection? Thank the good Providence most of us have holdings that a Philadelphia lawyer could dispose of quick as a terrier can crack a flea; but the boys with philatelic holdings that make the united mouth of the fraternity water, what about YOUR collection?

Time slips along and knocks the old timers off like beers on an August eve, and here is a pledge that some of the grand collections which are the pride not more of the owner than of the fraternity, are to be willed to some museum. Think of that! If I collected rat tail files, was a pluto-millionaire, and had all the issues complete and virgin it does not seem to me that I could deny the same pleasure to the new class that was given me when I added to my collection one by one the gems and singles, the blocks and flocks, about which many a romance and interest is woven.

Stamps of my neighbor, stamps of my friend, and stamps I know of about the land, but have never seen are a part and parcel of my mental collection. They are in part the woof and fabric of the designs I draw on my mental tressle board. Why give away to a lifeless museum a collection containing a thousand delights, ten thousand romances, and a million ideals that could be transmitted to generations to come.

Give to the museum your four horned cow, your blind fish from the Dead Sea, your gaping terhelions, and awful monstrosities. Give it the Mona Lisa, the Rembrandt and the Kohinoor. These are things that belong in public gaze, for the PUBLIC is interested in them whether they understand them or not. The public does not care about stamps, and as I ramble along I can see "in my mind's eye Horatio" a magnificent collection handled by a museum, where stamp collectors frequent once in a life time.

Edmond de Goncourt slipped a little paragraph into his will that is a gem. He had collections and was a true collector; let us quote. "My wish is that my drawings, my Prints, my Curiosities, my Books—in a word these things of art which have been the joy of my life—shall not be consigned to the cold tomb of the museum, and be subjected to the stupid glance of the careless passer-by; but I require that they shall all be dispersed under the hammer of the Auctioneer, so that the pleasure which the acquiring of each one of them has given to me shall be given again, in each case, to some inheritor of my own tastes."

Now, if that isn't a neat, tidy, meaty and perfect little gem of a quotation, I'll stand pat on my hand and go broke against all draws. He was a collector of acquisition and disposition balanced 50-50. What is the dog-in-the-manger attitude about any way? Do you and I collect, and work and gather and buy to compile a collection of stamps in order that when we

pass to "the silent halls of death" we have an ace high straight flush cinch that no one else can have the same or equal happiness that has been ours? If I thought that was the spirit of philately I'd get a bone and gnaw, and bay the moon, for I'd have no more of stamps.

Give money and vacant lots, auto tires and gasoline, jewels and gewgaws to philanthropy and museums, but when it comes to stamps, that are enjoyed by school boy and professor, pauper and prince, rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, alike, for the love of Mike, shoot them into the auction ring and let all of the boys have a crack at the things they love, and can possibly get no other way than by bidding in a few lots on a pay day sale. If the auction route seems too much like a gamble why not have your administrator posted up on how to sell them for a tidy sum to a dealer? There is nothing like thrift, for witness Old Man Hamlet used the funeral roast beef for the wedding supper.

Some one is liable to back their trouble wagon up to the writer's front door for digging this sack of bones out of its temporary ossuary, but some how this particular fish bone has stuck in the tissues of our think tank. At last we have ousted it. It is often a sign of merit when an idea clings for years despite every opportunity of casual decadence. We rather believe we have a little latent collecting spirit, that would be deteriorated if we thought some of the biggest and finest holdings of the country would finally land in museums for old maid school teachers, professional globe trotters and visiting critics and fault finders to gape and grin at.

Our sincerest conviction is that there is no place in the world where a collection will do as much good as in some collector's album. When he is through collecting, for reasons transient or permanent, then let his goods go for legal tender to some "inheritor of his own tastes." My ardent wish is that my modest holdings will prove the means of much pleasure of collectors now in the making.

Old Frank Massoth, a few years before he passed away had this little gem of Goncourt printed on the back of one of his auction catalogues. We cut it out and have kept it as the most valuable clipping in our philatelic scrap book. We wonder if there are not a lot of old timers who remember all about it, and the several articles sent to print at that time about the same little matter we have hacked away at during the last half hour.

THE FERRARI STAMP SALE.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The total of the last sale of the Ferrari stamp collection, amounting to 628,952f. (about £12,600), when added to the totals of the preceding sales of portions of the collection, makes an imposing final total of 2,171,132f. (about £44,000). The highest bid for any one lot throughout the various sales, which have been held over a period of several months, was 113,000f, (about £2,260) for a set of six Swiss stamps of 1843.—London Paper.

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NOTES.—By R. J. Tarpy.

The postoffice department has listened to the plea of collectors and dealers all over the country and has opened a "Philatelic Stamp Agency" in the Division of Stamps, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C.

For the past few years it has been impossible to get anything whatever by mail from the Washington postoffice or the department. It was not so in former times as stamped envelopes at least could be bought by mail for many years back and in fact many years ago there was a clerk in the Washington postoffice who had sets of stamped envelopes made up ready to send out on receipt of anyone's order.

This newly organized "agency" will keep on hand the current issues of stamps and stamped paper, also any obsolete issues which may be returned and mention especially at the present time having on hand the "Airplane" stamps, "Victory Three" the "Pilgrim Tercentenary" issue and the "Special Delivery" with pink back.

All orders to this agency will be filled as near as possible to what the buyer asks for: Blocks, plate numbers, etc., and they mention that well centered stamps will be sent but no one can look the stock over and orders presented in person must be called for later. All mail orders must include return postage and registration. This will be a great benefit to all collectors and to the hobby as a whole in that this new departure on the part of the postoffice department received a great deal of free publicity in newspapers all over the country. Some newspaper men had to embellish the tale somewhat and gave the impression that "rare old stamps," etc., would be available.

The special delivery with "pink back" mentioned above has been of considerable interest recently. Some were found in Philadelphia about a year ago; now they have turned up in Washington; they were very recently on sale in Chicago and not long ago were offered to the writer by the postmaster in a small Iowa town.

It is a very noticeable variety caused by the kind of ink used in printing. It was used extensively on the three cent stamped envelopes at one time and was listed by Mr. Leary in his government catalogue as "aniline ink." It was also used on the two-cent, three-cent and twelve cent adhesives in the perforated 10 series.

U. S. STATE REVENUES.

It is with distinct satisfaction that we are able to announce the publication of a superb priced loose leaf catalogue of the state revenues of the United States. The list of authors attached to the book comprise the foremost students in this branch of collecting, including J. K. Adenaw, J. D. Bartlett, B. C. Kenyon, E. R. Vanderhoof, W. D. Grout and F. L. Applegate. The West has always been friendly to these stamps and numerous articles have appeared in our columns dealing with the state issues. We take great pleasure in commending this finely illustrated catalog to all collectors who are in any way interested in state revenues. We consider it a duty and a pleasure to give a strong word of praise to the excellent production that lies before us. Price \$1.00 and obtainable from W. D. Grout, 18 Shepard St., Worcester, Mass.

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CONDEMNED AND NEW ISSUES.—By A. Jacob.

The present series of Chinese postage stamps, introduced in 1913, will shortly give place to a complete new issue, the preparation of which has already been put in hand by the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Peking. There are to be three designs, the first being a representation of Confucius. A camel, the ubiquitous pack animal of Northern China, is to figure on the values from 13 to 50 cents, while the higher denominations will bear a picture of a typical Chinese pagoda. It is reported that the new stamps will be brought into use as soon as the stock of current issue is exhausted.

The recent coup d'etat in Western Hungary has not failed to leave its imprint on the pages of the stamp album. During August and September eight values of contemporary Hungarian postage stamps were issued by the insurgents with the addition of a fourline overprint reading "Fekelo Magyarok—altat megszallt—Nyugatmagyarorszag—1921 Aug. Szept." (Independent Army of Western Hungary). These stamps are said to have been in circulation for a period of 14 days, commencing from August 29. A special issue of permanent postage stamps for the new state of German West Hungary is fore-shadowed.

For some time there have been rumors that the entire printing of the 6d value of the latest pictorial postage stamps series of Jamaica had been destroyed by order of the Governor of the Colony. This is now confirmed by the Crown Agents for the Colonies who announce that in its place a new printing of the 6d Georgian type has been supplied.

"Specimen" copies of the condemned stamp, printed in red and grey, were distributed by the Central Bureau of the U. P. U. last May. In explanation of the destruction of this stamp it is alleged that the subject of the design viz. "The abolition of Slavery August 1, 1828" was distasteful to the colored populace many of whom are the descendants of slaves. Another version is that the stamp was condemned on account of its execrable coloring. The 1d stamp of the same series depicting an Arawak Indian preparing cassava, also awaits issue.

British Control in Irak.

One of the first indications of the new control in Mesopotamia is the advent of the current postage stamps of Irak on paper with the latest type of Improved Crown and Script CA watermark. Indicating that the stamp supplies of this territory are now derived through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. This applies to both the ordinary postage and "On State Service" stamps. For the present the old Turkish vignettes, overprinted "Iraq in British Occupation" continue to be employed.

Owing to the delay in the adoption of an appropriate national emblem for reproduction on the permanent stamps of the Palestinian State, further overprinting of the former types of the E. E. F. post offices has been necessitated. The latest overprint is applied in London and differs from the Jerusalem issue in that the word "Palestine" is rendered in sans serif instead of Roman capitals whilst the Arabic inscription is slightly larger.

New postage stamps in the denominations 4s. black and red, and 5s. green and red on yellow, are about to be added to the current series of the

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British West African colony of Gambia.

To mark the centenary of Central American independence a set of six commemorative postage stamps has lately been issued in Costa Rica, and is commented upon in the British Press as being an interesting series to add to a collection, particularly with reference to its historical value.

Charity plus postage stamps to be sold at a premium in aid of child welfare organizations will again be issued by the Swiss post office this coming Christmastide. These stamps inscribed "Pro Juventute 1921" will be on sale at post offices throughout Switzerland from December 1 to 31. A stamp of similar character has just been placed on sale in Poland, which is available for payment of postage up to 50 marks, but is actually sold for 75 marks the balance going to the children's fund.

£27,000 For Stamp Collection.

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Rare Postage Stamps in London Co. Auction.

One sale that held a two days' auction of postage stamps from various private sources a short time back. The rare St. Helena 1864-83 watermark CC perforated 12½ error with surcharge omitted, 6d rose-carmine, brought £48, (today about 192 dollars). This stamp which was apparently postally used, had a few perforations clipped and was slightly rubbed on the face. For a lightly obliterated and fine copy of the 1850 Saxony 3 pf. pale red, was given £34, (136 dollars). A heavily postmarked 12 c Spain 1865 imperforate rose and blueshowing error of frame inverted, brought £20; while a similar price was given for a fine used specimen of the 1855 New South Wales 8d, golden yellow, watermark, numeral. A pair of used 1867 Bremen 5 sgr. perforated 13, used on piece of original sold for £14; and £10:10 was paid for an 1870-1 United States with grill 24 c. violet.

This firm are shortly offering for sale the collection of that well known philatelist, now deceased, Mr. John Cooper of Manchester, whose collection was awarded the silver medal at the International Exhibition, London 1906.

\$3,000 STAMPS VANISH.

Part of Stolen Collection is Recovered by Police.

Edward Netzner, 15, of 60 Second place, and John Hickey, 13, of 30 Second place, Brooklyn, were locked up last night in the Hamilton avenue station charged with the theft of a stamp collection valued at \$3,000 from Alfred Nielson of 272 Union street Brooklyn. The police say the boys admitted taking the stamps "because they needed money."

Nielsen has been collecting stamps for thirty years, he said, and has a store where he deals in them. The two boys had bought stamps of him previous to the robbery. The stolen collection was in seventeen small boxes, twelve of which have been recovered. The boys will be arraigned this morning in the Children's Court.—N. Y. Herald, Nov. 28.

THE UNITED STAMP SOCIETIES.—By Lycett.

The United Stamp Societies is an organization in New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Louisiana, composed of various stamp clubs, called member societies, banded together for mutual improvement and the sale and exchange of stamps between members. It is gradually growing and hopes to cover the entire country. The organization is the idea of M. D. Olmstead, of Concord, N. H., who is and has been the secretary and treasurer since the organization in 1918.

Each member society elects two directors, who meet together in annual meeting and choose officers and transact other necessary business.

The U. S. S. is not a society as the word is commonly used by stamp collectors, there is no individual membership. It is a federation of societies and clubs, each with full local autonomy as to officers, by-laws, dues, etc. Any stamp society or club of five members or over is eligible to membership.

The dues are \$3 per year in advance, and every member of such society is a member of the U. S. S. and entitled to all benefits.

Each society having membership in the U. S. S. is privileged to enter books in the sales circuits, which are forwarded to societies by a schedule furnished by the Secretary of the U. S. S., and not to be held by any society over thirty days. Each local sales manager makes cash returns to the sales manager of the society issuing each book from which sales have been made. This enables cash returns to be made to members with very little delay, and has proven very satisfactory.

There are at present eighteen member societies, namely: Androscoggin (Me.), Brooklyn, Boston, Coleport (Pa.), Concord (N. H.), Greenville (La.), Lynn (Mass.), Newark, Passaic, Paterson and Montclair (N. J.), Philatelic Society of the Oranges (East Orange, N. J.), Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland (Me.), Suburban (Mass.), Vermont and Worcester (Mass.) Of these Coleport and Greenville are junior societies, a majority of the members of which are minors.

The officers are: President, J. Weer Chew, Philadelphia; vice president, R. M. Osborne, Brooklyn; secretary and treasurer, M. D. Olmstead, Concord, N. H. Any one of these will be pleased to furnish further information; and applications from organized stamp clubs for membership are invited.

A NEW ZEALAND CURIOSITY.

One of our New Zealand readers in a recent communication, used a letter-card which is something of a philatelic curiosity. The new regulations requiring 2d. postage on a letter card, the authorities have used the current blue letter-card on which the 1½d. orange-brown King George die is impressed, and for the extra ½d., the King Edward ½d. die has been impressed in green at the side of the Georgian stamp. Is there any other instance of impressed stamps of two reigns being used together on the postal stationery of our Empire?

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FRENCH WAR ISSUES—By A. Jacob.

Exclusive to "W st"

The story of modern France is told in her stamps. Issue by issue they reveal the political vicissitudes of the Gallic nation for more than seventy eventful years, and by design, character or association serve to epitomise each historical episode or dynastic change. The history of the war with its various phases is clearly expressed in the successive issues of postage stamps that were made whilst it proceeded.

To France belongs the distinction of having originated the first of a long series of particular postage stamps, sold at a premium during the late war in aid of the Red Cross funds. A Presidential decree of August 11, 1914, authorized the creation of a "stamp of the French Red Cross" valid for 10 centimes inland postage, but to be sold for 15 c. by post offices, the difference between the sale price and postal value being appropriated to the national Red Cross organization. As a temporary measure, pending the engraving of a special stamp, the ordinary 10 c. postage stamp in the Sower type was overprinted with the device of a small Geneva Cross in scarlet and surcharged 5 c. in which form it was placed on sale on August 18, 1914, thus constituting the first postage stamp to be issued as a direct outcome of the war. The permanent Red Cross stamp of similar appearance but duly inscribed "Croix Rouge" and with the Geneva Cross and supplementary value enclosed in a panel inset in the design, finally made its debut on September 10, 1914, and although its use was purely optional, was sold in large quantities down to April 1 of the present year. The system was extended to the majority of the French colonies and foreign postoffices with the result that some millions of francs were raised in this way for the Red Cross. Due to the raising of the French inland postal rate to 15 c. a new definite Red Cross postage stamp was introduced in August 1918, the design, by M. Dumoulin, showing in two vignettes side by side, the torpedoing of the hospital ship *Asturias* and the shelling of the Red Cross by the Germans. The face value of this stamp, printed in grey, blue and red, was 15c plus 5 centimes.

Another series of war charity stamps, introduced by the French post-office in August 1917 was sold at varying premiums for the benefit of "les Orphelins de la Guerre." The symbolical designs included the figure of a widow in a graveyard, a woman driving a plough, a trench with the tricolor floating over it, the Lion statue of Belfort, and the Marseillaise leading the French armies to victory. To these were added on March 25, 1919 at 5c plus 5c value in a design showing two orphans gazing over the stricken fields of Northern France.

As a war time measure the French postal authorities were compelled to make use of an inferior quality of paper for printing the national postage stamps. This paper designated "Grande Consommation" first came into use in January 1917. It is greyish in color, and contains minute particles of colored thread in its texture. Consequent on all round increases in the postal tariff additional values have lately been included in the current series of French postage stamps while others have been changed in color to conform to the new Postal Union color standard. A 50 centimes stamp in the

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original Sower type has just been issued in deep blue, the 5 centimes is orange instead of green, and the 10 centimes green instead of red as heretofore. In this way the price of victory is made manifest through the medium of the ubiquitous postage stamp.

It was proposed to mark the termination of the war by the creation of a new series of postage stamps that should typify the victory of France and her historical mission in the world. But although two open competitions have been held by the Ministry of Fine Arts none has been adjudged worthy to supplant the delicate and graceful Semeuse, who seems destined to queen it upon the postal issues of La Belle France for many years to come.

Looking back to the time of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-1 this war is recorded in the stamp album by no fewer than three emergency issues of postage stamps, two of which were made by the French and one by the invaders. Following the disaster of Sedan the Empire was abolished and the Government of National Defense anxious to remove all outward signs of the old regime caused fresh printings to be made from the postage stamp plates of 1849-50. These stamps in the denominations 10 c. and 40 c. were sold in Paris during the siege. Owing to the investment of Paris it was impossible to dispatch fresh supplies of postage stamps to the provincial postoffices whose stocks speedily became exhausted. It was therefore decided by the delegation at Tours to create provincial stamps for use in the region unaffected by the hostility.

The preparation of this war time issue was entrusted to the branch Mint at Bordeaux, the design modelled on that of the first republican stamps showed the head of Liberty. Owing to the absence of facilities for producing them by the electrotype method the "Bordeaux" stamps were printed by lithography, and issued imperforate, since no perforating machine was available.

Meanwhile the Prussians had on their part provided special stamps for use in French territory under military occupation. Although familiarly designated as stamps of Alsace and Lorraine these stamps were actually in use as far afield as Le Mans in the west and Amiens in the north. They are labels consisting merely of the word "Postes" and value in "centimes" printed on a network ground. Five of this type were issued at Nancy in September 1870 the 5 and 25c values not being added until October 28 of the same year. They remained current until March 24, 1871 when they ceased to circulate except in the ceded provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. After the Peace of Versailles the head of Liberty was adapted to the frame designs of all national postage stamps of France, which had hitherto borne the likeness of Louis Napoleon.

Probably no country has its history better illustrated in the stamp album than France, whose story of progress can be clearly followed from the time when the Provisional Government on the downfall of Louis Philippe in February 1848 turned its attention to the establishment of a uniform postal rate, and by January 1, 1849, a rate of 20 centimes per quarter ounce letter, prepaid by means of adhesive labels of 20 centimes 40 c. and 1 franc denomination was established, and forthwith used throughout France, Corsica and Algeria.



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Do you know that Wisconsin has the largest state historical collection in the United States? Kansas comes second.

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Specialists are on the increase—not absolute specialists, but collectors who give more attention to certain items than to others.

Have you heard the rumor that Newfoundland is going to reissue the 6c Caribou? Better watch out, ye hoarders of these popular adhesives!

Canal Zone—We have seen some of the current issue perforated "P," which stands for Police. We understand that these are officials. Only 4 denominations have been seen.

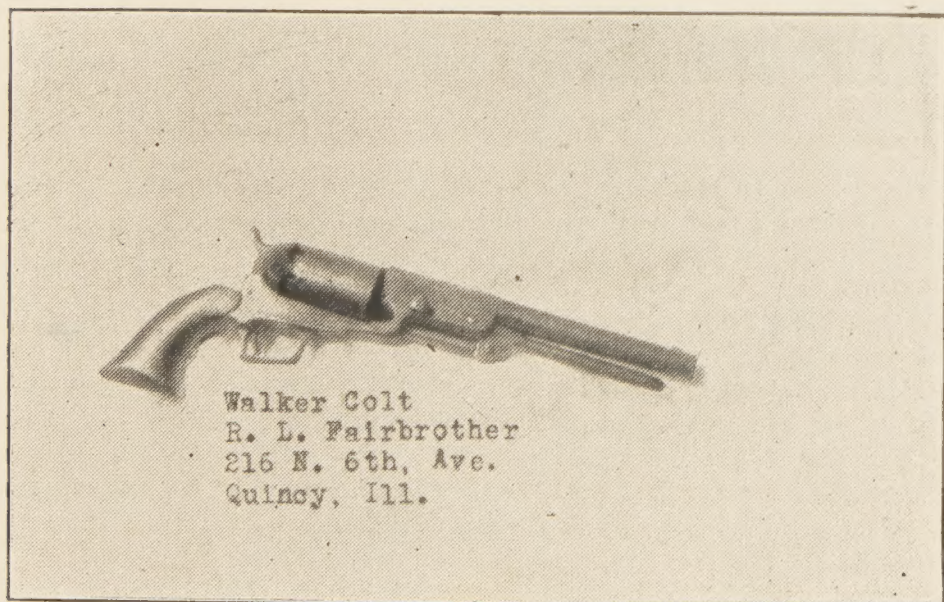
Spare change that otherwise would be frittered away—if used to purchase good stamps, would be as well invested as in a savings bank—just as safe and commanding a higher rate of interest.

Twelve thousand pounds will be granted to help Swiss artists by the Federal Council which will subsidize competitions for designs for the decoration of public buildings and for new stamps and coins.

Collectors would do well to watch the new script watermark—also the old timers on new designs of stamps. In Bermuda we note that the 6d comes on both watermarks, and it takes no student of stamps to know that one of them is going to be a good investment.



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Always a believer in big discounts, he has consistently offered two-thirds off on retail sales and four-fifths off on wholesale when those discounts would not bring unused "face stuff" below cost, and he has in times gone by built up a considerable business, only to have to abandon it during press of more serious business, as he has never attempted dealing as more than a side line.

This month he is offering in a page ad in West to supply agents with worthwhile merchandise for re-sale, along with an attractive offer of non-duplicating, unmounted approvals, at an average discount of 75%.

That he is a versatile, hard working chap is evidenced by notices which reach us from Yonkers papers that he has just now (December) been elected President of a newly organized company to manufacture dolls, toys and more serious goods out of a patent mixture the principal ingredient of which is wood-pulp, but which differs from the ordinary wood-pulp product in that it will not warp, or shrink after being finished, and therefore is adapted to flat articles, while all other wood-pulp products are confined to curved objects.

Beebe is an old time collector, not confining his attention to stamps, of which he has a general collection of about 15,000, strong in unused British Colonies as a result of years of subscription to a 10% service, but coins and curios as well. He was bitten with the poster stamp bug but tells us he has fully recovered from that.

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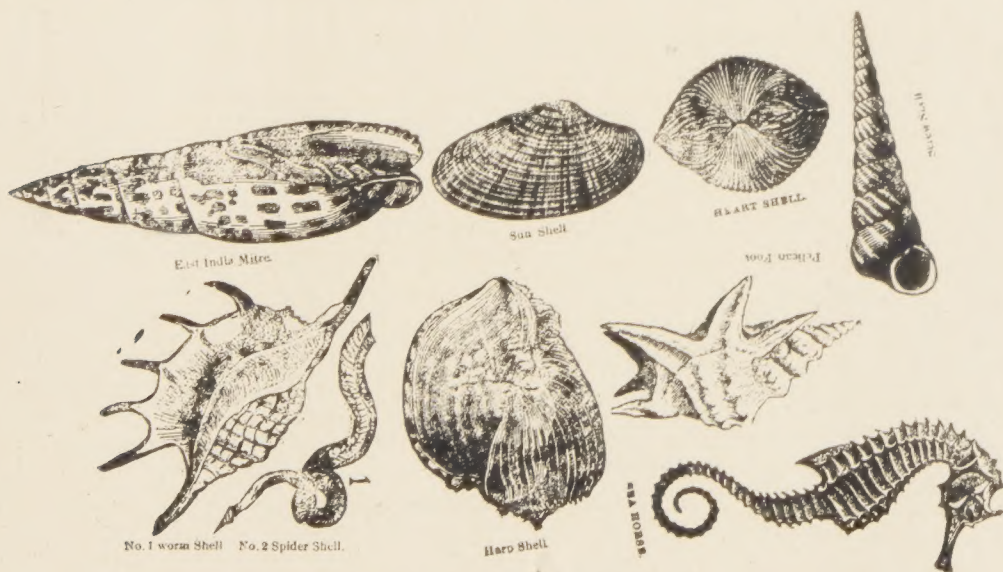


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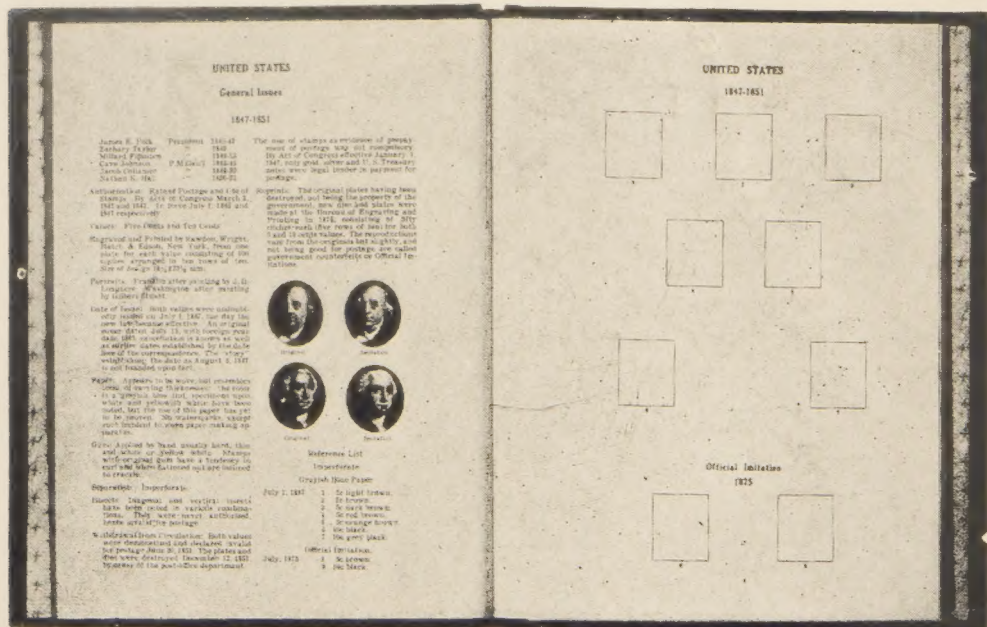
DR. F. A. STENGEL

Alpha Odle, Farmington, New Mexico sent the publisher some of the finest Indian rugs seen. There was a write up last issue. He is where he can get you most all lines Indian goods at wholesale prices. It will pay to look up his ad and you will find it worth while to write him.

Dr. F. A. Stengel, Marion, Ohio, one of our oldest readers, is a general collector since he was seven years old. About thirty thousand Indian relics, three hundred revolvers, twenty thousand stamps, a thousand coins, six hundred bird eggs, and twenty-five mounted birds and small animals, eighty fine watches, fifty clocks, hundred fifty lamps and lanterns, twenty-four spinning wheels, hundred powder horns, seventy-six candle sticks, 125 knives and many other curios and relics.



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BY M. SORENSON.

Pieces of Eight probably are the most romantic coins in all the world. What child has not pictured in his mind great piles of pieces of eight when he read of the stirring deeds of Captain Kidd, Captain Morgan, who sacked the city of Panama; Sir Francis Drake and the Baron Dampiere? It was for these pieces of eight the pirates of the 17th and 18th centuries raked the seas, sent whole ship's crews, with their passengers, to Davy Jones' locker, captured cities and tortured beautiful women.

These coins took their name from the unit of Spanish coinage, the real, being eight reals in value and weight. Pieces of eight were silver dollars. The smaller pieces, two reals, are the origin of our slang phrase "two bits," and were of the same value as our quarters. Spanish treasure ships, the big, awkward galleons, which so often were attacked by the pirates, carried these pieces of eight to and from the Spanish American colonies. Gold doubloons sometimes were carried and captured by the pirates, but not often. Gold was too precious, and, as a rule, remained in the vaults of the state treasuries.

A bill is now before congress making it possible for all Civil War veterans honorably discharged from service to get this medal. The Civil War medal has a ribbon of blue and grey, and is awarded for service in the Federal forces during the period of the Civil War. The medal is of bronze and about the size of a half-dollar. The profile of Lincoln is engraved on one side with the motto: "With malice toward none; with charity toward all."

GET BUSY WITH YOUR FRIEND.

You are acquainted with many collectors and they should be subscribers. Just show them a copy of the paper and obtain a four months' trial subscription, price 25c. We offer a premium where the person has never been upon our lists before.

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AUTOGRAPH CHATTER.—By E. V. Heise.

It is my very painful duty, this month, to record the passing of Mr. William F. Gable, of Altoona, Penna. Mr. Gable was known to practically all of the older generation of Autograph collectors, and to every dealer of any prominence. He was of Quaker ancestry; and the Quaker blood in him was ever to the fore, he was honest to the core, a gentleman in every sense of the word, with a ready smile and a cordial handshake. His loss is one that can never be repaired. He will be mourned by all. His passing leaves a very distinct void in the Autograph collecting fraternity.

What will become of his collection? This is a question that will be of great interest to many. Mr. Gable collected for a great many years, and had a wonderful collection. He had a penchant for Ingersoll material, and purchased practically all that was ever offered at a fair price. Too, he seemed to have a great liking for autographs of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. To my absolute knowledge, he had at the very least, a dozen 1776 A. L. S. of William Williams, and a dozen or more A. D. S. of Oliver Wolcott, the Connecticut signer. He was, also, deeply interested in literary autographs, and collected a remarkable lot of manuscripts.

Mr. Gable had a wonderful sense of humor. I recall one of his quips, heard when he dropped off at Syracuse for half an hour on an auto trip he was making with his large family. It seems that he had five sons, which, with Mrs. Gable and himself made a family of seven. Somehow conversation turned to the subject of his home, and his farms in Pennsylvania. He casually mentioned that he called his home "The House of Seven Gables."

Carelessness is a c-u-r-s-e. In a recent issue, I very carelessly mentioned that signatures of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, etc., could be purchased for \$1.00 each. This as every collector should know, is ridiculous. These names, of course, got in through carelessness. If any of the three or four hundred that wrote me, asking the dealer's name where they could be procured, have not received a reply to their letter, I wish to assure them that it is not discourtesy, but EXHAUSTION, that they have not received no reply. I had to lay in a new supply of stationery and denude the postoffice of 2c stamps as soon as that merry little error appeared. As George Ade might express it: I shall be Very Careful in the Future. My apologies to all interested.

Time was when autographs of President McKinley were really rare. Sometime since an Ohio gentleman industriously turned up what must be an inexhaustible supply of fine A. D. S. written and signed when McKinley was a Stark County, Ohio, attorney. I believe every dealer in creation has a dozen for sale. When they first appeared, they brought \$20.00 to \$30.00 each at auction. Now you can get a fine McKinley A. D. S. for \$7.50 to \$10.00.

This case finds a parallel in that of Simon Boerum, M. O. C. from N. Y. and John Morton, the Signer. Some tireless autograph hunter turned up a trunkful of Boerums down on Long Island, and the price dropped ker plunk. Ditto with Morton. Lest this statement, too, be misconstrued, let me mention

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here and now that this does NOT include Morton A. L. S. These are excessively rare even now.

How many of my readers are interested in rare and old books? If a sufficient number signify their interest, I shall be glad to include book notes in these articles. I cannot, however, undertake to answer any complicated questions about books. My knowledge of books is in no wise equal to my knowledge of Autographs. To use the vernacular, autographs are my "meat," books are merely the "garnishment."

There is one thing about books that I wish every citizen of our fair land knew, it is this: A book is not valued by its age. Every gentleman with a book printed prior to 1800 believes he has a pearl of great price. This is not so. I have not the space to give a lengthy discourse on what constitutes a rare book; but I do wish to impress upon my readers this one fact: Age, in books, does NOT constitute value.

Fellow autograph collectors: Didja ever have a good laugh reading in some newspaper about the "greatest autograph collection in this part of the country. This collection contains over 300 original signatures of famous men, including those of such notable rarity as Wm. H. Seward, Chas. Sumner, F. E. Spinner" and the like. In my time I have seen about 50 such "collections" and the most I would have given for any of them would be about 3,000,342,000 Russian kopeks; or, in U. S. coin of the realm, about 63 cents. Very few really worthwhile collections are written up in newspapers. There are, of course, exceptions to every rule.

It is odd what ideas people who know nothing about autographs get of their value. Recently a lady in the South offered me a few D. S. by the Presidents, etc. There were, if I recall correctly, the following: D. S. of President Polk, one of Andrew Jackson, one of Judge Holt, a D. S. of J. R. Poinsett, Sec. of War, and one other of equal value. The lady desired a mere \$450.00 for the lot, which could be purchased from any dealer for about \$8.00 to \$10.00. What would happen if you offered her what they were worth? I know what used to happen; but no more. I gently decline to purchase and let the party remain in darkness. Life is too short to assimilate such punishment.

Will those writing to me asking questions have a little patience if I do not answer immediately? My time is rather limited, and while I am glad to answer any questions about Autographs, I cannot promise to answer by return mail. I would also like to suggest that a self-addressed stamped envelope would be appreciated. This is but common courtesy.

I am especially interested in beginners in our hobby. I am always glad to hear from them, and to help them if I can. Don't be afraid to write; I don't bite, kick nor scratch, and am, as David Harum used to say "gentle and will stand without hitchin."

Speaking of "David Harum:" did you know that Westcott, the author, was a fellow townsman of mine? that he died in Syracuse? He did. Have

you ever realized that his autograph is almost impossible to procure. Believe me, it is. Syracuse is the home of many distinguished authors, including Harold McGrath, Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews, E. I. Rice, author of the famous "Old Jim Case of South Hollow," and many others. Yes, indeed, dear reader, we are some city, we are.

I would be very glad to receive contributions for this department, to publish them. This department is not a "one cylinder car" for "personal use only." I am not so glad to see myself in print that I wish to monopolize all the space. 'Deed not.

Old "Czar" Reed, Speaker of the House once remarked that "A statesman is a successful politician who is dead." If I do not eschew this type-writer either you or myself will be also. So until the next issue I bid you Adieux.

REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF PHILIPPINE WAR IMPLEMENTS.

The first consignment of a remarkable collection of Philippine war implements was received at the state museum Monday, January 2, 1922. The articles were gathered by General Pershing and are presented with his compliments to the University of Nebraska. The major portion of the collection is stored in Washington and will be forwarded later.

The more important pieces in the collection at hand are the following: Three long-shafted and highly ornamented spears, made and used by the Moros of the southern Philippine islands.

A large solid brass helmet made by the Moros in imitation of the style of the Spanish of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

A rare and valuable heavy cast helmet of unusual size, weight and design, in imitation of the Spanish.

A coat of mail, of heavy brass links and plates, of thick cast brass; each plate being richly inlaid with copper in various designs.

A set of ten large cast brass gongs, tuned and set together to make a musical instrument akin to the tubiphone. This is a rare article, unknown outside some of the largest museums.

There are sets of dagger kris, straight and serpentine kris, broad-bladed barongs used by all Moro tribes, beheading swords and the like. Some of the kris or native swords, are elaborately wrought with heavy handles of carved ivory, trimmed, wound and inlaid with silver. The blades in some cases are inlaid with metal and etched in intricate designs.

There are two richly ornamented cast brass lantakas, or native cannon. They are five or six feet long, weigh 150 to 200 pounds each, have a bore of about one inch and throw a one-inch projectile. These cannon are of a kind in use by all Moro tribes.

General Pershing's collection of Philippine bird skins, presented to the university some years ago, is being mounted and will soon be placed on exhibition.

As soon as they can be mounted, the Pershing collection of Philippine implements will be installed in cases for examination by the public.

JUST NOTES OF INTEREST FROM ALL PLACES.—By S. P. Hughes.

The writer has wondered for many years past, why certain varieties of stamps are catalogued and priced in Scotts and then varieties much more pronounced have been ignored. This is not a fault finding item; but rather one of enquiry.

For more than thirty years the writer has accumulated stamps by the thousands and in many instances they were of uncatalogued varieties. On several occasions he has sent them to the Scott Company for inspection. In every instance except one they have replied that the variety was unworthy of notice, and that they already knew of the stamps. This is occasioned by the recent return of a British stamp overprinted for a colony, where the name was misspelled. The error may not have been of any particular consequence; but the fact remains that many other errors of less importance are not only listed but priced.

One of the important varieties, that in the mind of the writer, should have long been listed and is not, is the imperforate Cuba 2c red of the first issue of the Republic. The stamps were on regular sale at the postoffice and were not only sold in the regular manner; but used to pay postage on several letters in the hands of the writer. The imperforate U. S. are all listed, why not Cuba?

More than a dozen letters from eastern revenue collectors have reached the writer asking for information about the so called Nebraska revenues. This article will answer all such inquiries, and at the same time furnish others with the desired information. The Nebraska revenue stamp is not a stamp in any sense of the word; but is simply a tax paid label. The state has a law requiring that certain kinds of feed stuffs have a tax paid label attached to each bag or package. The labels are not cancelled, nor do they state any value or amount of tax paid. The collector of such revenues will have to collect each printing separately, as varieties are found in each one. The most glaring however, is the misspelling of a word on one of the earlier issues. While the tax is not indicated by a stamp, the label has the same value as any other state revenue stamp, and for those who collect these interesting issues, they have the same value as a California or Virginia adhesive stamp.

The newspapers of late December contained the interesting news that Gen. Pershing had donated his entire collection of historical objects from the battle fields of France to the State University Museum. The collection is quite large and contains many interesting articles that could never be obtained in any other way.

While the State Museum is quite crowded, the curator, Dr. Barbour, is going to make room for this display by removing into storage some of the less interesting material.

Late last fall the Burlington railroad was compelled to move the track north of Brownville, further back from the river, and had to scoop away much of the bluff with a large steam shovel. In digging away at the loess

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a ledge of sandstone was uncovered with decidedly marked stratified and uneven layers. The writer observed several black spots in the rock as it was scooped away, and an examination revealed the fact that the black deposits were nothing more than plain old fashioned chunks of charcoal. Where they came from, or how they happened to be imbedded in stratified layers of sandstone fully 200 feet below the level of the hills is somewhat of a mystery. A few miles below and near the river bank, the carboniferous caps this same layer of sandstone; but there is no indication of charcoal.

Collectors of Bond Issues of the Confederacy, have noticed that the same issues of the colored bonds frequently show much variations in color. The Texas issues and those of Arkansas perhaps show the distinction more than some of the other states. The coupon bonds of Arkansas were all printed in Little Rock by J. D. Butler. Mr. Butler no doubt in common with all other southern printing plants had much trouble in getting the supplies he needed, and the ink used was no exception to this rule.

Most of the coupon bonds issued by Arkansas were put out from September the 2nd, 1861, up to and including the 12th of the following December. There may have been other issues; but the writer's entire collection were printed only on and between these dates. The issue of September the 2nd was printed in a bright red and blue, while the same bond issued two weeks later or on September the 16th was printed in a very decided shade of red-brown. This color for the \$20 coupons, while those of ten dollar denominations of the same date were changed to a bright pink. Whatever the color may be, collectors of this one particular state claim all issues are extremely scarce and hard to find in first class condition. All issues regardless of value were signed by the auditor, W. R. Miller and by O. Basham as treasurer but with the coupons the plan of saving time was resorted to, and they all bear a printed signature evidently etched into plates, and decidedly unlike the genuine signature in the body of the bonds.

The Nebraska collection of Paper Money, now numbers nearly 1,500 different varieties, and within a short time it is hoped that the entire collection will be on public display. The writer has had charge of this part of the business for several years, and the collection has gradually grown until at the present time it is considered as one of the very interesting parts of the Historical Societies properties.

Donations are not asked for; but nothing in the way of antiquated paper money will be refused. Quite a few duplicates are on hand for exchange purposes, where trades may be made that will add varieties to the collection.

The old Wild-Cat issues of Nebraska are especially desired, and while there is a small fund available for outright purchase, the fund is not large, and an exchange plan will be far more satisfactory. The curator, Dr. Sheldon, hopes soon to be able to have the entire collection mounted in swinging frames much after the present plan of the old photographs of early western scenes. Those who may have visited the Historical Society will remember how easily one may examine these photos, and it was with this idea in view that the swing frame was adopted.

ENVELOPE NOTES.—By R. J. Tarpy.

Collectors of entires were greatly pleased recently by the publication by J. M. Bartels of an up-to-date list of all known varieties of the 2c and 3c economy envelopes.

The list is very well gotten up and quite complete, though of course any list of these envelopes can only be approximately complete at this time.

This list is very interesting from another angle than simply as a check list from the fact that it is printed entirely by a photographic process of some sort. The work was done by Mr. L. A. Missbach of Brooklyn who is certainly to be complimented on the job he turned out.

The exact method of procedure is not known to the writer but the entire job was ruled up by hand, then typewritten as to descriptive matter, lists of cities, etc., lettered by hand where no suitable type was on the keyboard and then almost 1,500 figure 0's were put in their proper square by typewriter and afterward the complete job photographed and the finished lists printed from this plate. The list stands for a terrific lot of painstaking work and must be seen to be appreciated.

The writer's own check list taken in connection with this new list show on this date (Dec. 20, 1921) about 1,500 overprinted envelopes to exist. Probably not many more varieties will appear.

WAR MONEY—AUSTRIAN—"NOTGELD."

To overcome the money stringency and lack of metallic coin, many cities, towns and villages were authorized to issue paper notes of small denominations for local use during the war.

At first nobody thought of collecting these notes (just as nobody gave much thought to the collecting of postage stamps when they first came into use), but already the collecting of these historical bits of paper has become well rooted and is spreading rapidly.

Undoubtedly ten years from now their standing will be the same as that of old postage stamps to anyone interested in war money. The requests we had for these artistically designed notes, with their harmonious color schemes, were more numerous than we expected.

To delay a threatening paper shortage, Austria has started to economize in paper caused by the great output of paper money, by using for the 1921 issue of the 3, 4, 5 and 10 kronen (Nos. 243 to 246), a smaller size than that of the Parliament issue. This should help considerably, as the saving on 1,000 stamps amounts to enough paper to print another half million kronen in bank notes.

With the mark now worth half a cent, the 4,750,000,000 of them which Germany is printing each week are still worth considerable more than the paper they are printed on. Why it should be so is something of a mystery.

ADO ABOUT EVERYTHING.—By Ralph L. Kilng.

Frank Burke, Waukegan, Ill., hardware dealer, a collector of coins, has one of every kind of copper cents that has been issued by the United States, including even the rare colonial coins. He also has thousands of other coins, but prizes his variety of one-cent pieces most highly.

Anton Erickson, Waukegan, Ill., shoemaker, is the possessor of a stone axe that was found in a grave in Denmark by his father. An archaeologist from Chicago, who was in Waukegan recently, saw the axe and recognized it immediately as a Scandinavian relic. He said it was used about 2,500 years ago. In those days it was the custom to bury with the head of the household or a warrior his personal belongings.

Collectors of Neuropé stamps, were prepared for a big shock when the new catalogue was issued, didn't get as much of a jolt as they anticipated. Many of the varieties that it was believed would be worthless or not even listed were included and some of them have fancy prices.

Our definition of hell—dropping the stamp stock book, top down.

The writer is a bit pessimistic about whether the small boy of today is more honest as a result of being preached to about honesty. A dealer advertised in a boys' magazine that circulates largely among the Boy Scouts, and states that nearly one-third of the boys who wrote for approval selections stung him. It amounted to only a few cents in each instance but petty dishonesty is as despicable as any other form.

Precancel collectors are finding considerable difficulty filling up those blank spaces in surface print stamps. Even those from the larger towns do not seem to be plentiful. A dealer recently received a large lot of common ones, expecting to have them on his hands for years, but was surprised when the books came back positively stripped. B. Gordon Bushnell, of Indianapolis, whom the writer recently visited, declared that even the most common surface prints are worth a nickel when in fine condition. By the way, Mr. Bushnell, who is in the printing business, intends to retire one of these days and devote the rest of his life to disposing of his millions of precancels and accumulation of general issues. His son is taking up the printing game in a scientific way—learning it in college—and will take over the business. Mr. Bushnell talks like a man who would retire before many more years, although he still is pretty young to be an ex-printer.

Several dealers are trying to corner the market on Danish West Indies, so hang onto yours, boys, and the other fellows' game may help you when they get ready to unload.

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HAS RARE STONE COLLECTION.

Wichita, Kas., Nov. 24—Stones of all sizes, colors and kinds, from all parts of the world, many rare geological specimens and still others of "stone age" historic value, comprise a collection which Mrs. O. Robinson of this city has been fifty years in gathering. Many of the stones are distributed about Mrs. Robinson's home on Vassar avenue, as paper weights, door stops and bric-a-brac. All told there probably is more than a barrel full.

Among the most interesting pieces in the collection are the stone implements that the Indians used before they knew of metal. A heavy stone axe, made of granite, ground and polished, is reminiscent of the weapons found in the caves of Cro-Magnon where the forerunners of the white race lived. It was a strong man who wielded that axe, whether in peace, war or chase, for it is far heavier than a modern head. A smaller axe has been fitted into a handle and use for a steak chopper. There are flint arrowheads of all sizes and shapes, as well as points that must have been fitted to primitive spears or javelins.

A HOBBY TURNED TO PROFIT.

It is a novel business that Morris A. Strickler of Detroit has built up. From a boyhood interest in nature, and butterflies in particular, he graduated from collecting, as a pastime, to the utilizing of the decorative beauty of butterflies in the marking of serving trays, tea-table tops, desk pads, lamp shades, paper weights, lockets, watch fobs and other articles.

Like most successful industries he started in a small way. Investing \$35 in material, he soon turned it into \$100 and in a surprisingly short time Strickler was doing a business of \$3,000 a month.

Not only does this young hustler import thousands of cocoons from the tropical countries, but buys from the boys of his neighborhood, to whom he furnishes professional collectors' outfits.

NEW COINS IN FRANCE CAUSE OF PROTESTS.

Paris.—Protests by French economists that the new metal coinage about to be put into circulation will result in an immense depreciation of French monetary values and thus cause a fall in the value of the franc are being studied by a commission of experts attached to the French treasury.

The new coins take the place of the two and one franc and the fifty-centime silver coins which were in circulation until the armistice and which have now been melted down and converted into specie.

The new one-franc piece will be worth, intrinsically, only 01684 of a franc and the two-franc piece only .0337. The fifty-centime piece will contain actual value to the extent of .00842 of a franc.

The coins are of a bronze-aluminum alloy. They will be legal tender throughout France.

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"WOOD MONEY" FLOODS EUROPE.

Russia, With Its Vast Forests, Looks Richest of Them All.

Wood has not occurred to many of us as a substitute for gold, but a Swiss newspaper insists with logic that in many countries the substitution has been made. Recalling the brilliant ante-war guaranteeing of note assets with gold deposits, the Swiss journal remarks:

"In most European countries the paper currency is now based not upon gold, but upon wood. The wood is changed by busy hands into paper, from which beautifully colored bank notes are manufactured. Gaudy certificates, bearing many ciphers, are the money of today, which is being turned out in floods."

When one recalls the vast forest resources of Russia, he may begin to wonder how far upward the billions of Russian paper money already issued may mount. Some financier should suggest to printing press governments the superior advantages of American wampum over wood shavings as a handy medium of exchange.

FIND GOLD UNDER FOSSILS.

In Alaska the bones, and often the entire bodies, of extinct animals, such as the mammoth, the mastodon, the reindeer and the bison, are found most abundantly in the layers of soil directly above the gold-bearing gravels. So intimate is this association between fossil animal remains and the auriferous deposits that many explorers who have visited Alaska say that the fossils serve the prospectors as indexes of the metallic richness of the soil.

In ancient times both the gold and the bones and bodies of the animals were deposited at the bottom of valleys by the action of rivers and smaller streams, many of which have now disappeared. Consequently, the appearance of fossils is an almost certain indication that gold will be found in the neighborhood. The cabins of many miners are ornamented with huge tusks and antlers, unearthed in the diggings.

STEADY ADVERTISING PAYS.

Some advertisers send a small one time ad to a paper and expect a rush of orders from same. Such advertising pays, maybe, once out of a thousand times.

It is the steady advertiser who does the largest business. He'll send an ad for three insertions, then change it and run the new ad for three insertions change again and so on. He is creating a demand for his goods by keeping his ads before the public's eye.

Are you a one time advertiser, or a steady advertiser?—Barker Bros. Bulletin.

The one-timer is the fellow who places one ad, and if it does not bring a barrel of coin throws up his hands and drops out.

I would like to see magazines get together and refuse one-time ads. That would make for a one-timer's success more than anything else.—H. Jacobus, in National Ad Circular.

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THE POOR MAN'S HOBBY.

Mr. I. A. Williams, in the Observer gives some advice on book buying which may be applied with equal force to our hobby of stamps, which is also "a poor man's hobby." He says: "And this brings me to a piece of advice which I devoutly wish that someone had drummed into my head when first I began to buy old books; never buy an imperfect copy of a book unless you have some definite reason for doing so. If you want a book urgently for some purpose, and cannot find, or afford, a perfect copy, it may occasionally be necessary to buy an imperfect one. But it will always remain a thorn in your flesh, if you have in you anything of the true collector's fondness for books as books. And, what is a point to be remembered, an imperfect copy is always unsaleable, should you at any time wish to get rid of it; whereas it should be a good collector's aim to form a library which could—in the near future, at least, if not immediately—be sold for more than it cost. And this is not mere greed on his part, but desire for material proof of his skill in his chosen sport; it is the book collector's equivalent to the silver cup and the gold medal. For anyone can buy books for more than they are worth, whereas it takes perspicacity and skill to make one's purchases a sound investment, realisable should the dire necessity ever arise.

SMALLEST GOLD PIECE COINED.

.. League Franc Is Octagonal and Runs 13,200 to the Pound Weight.

Geneva.—What is believed to be the smallest modern gold coin in the world has just been minted here. It represents the gold franc on which the budget of the League of Nations is to be calculated.

It is octagonal in form and on one side are engraved the initials "S. D. N." (Societe des Nations). Its weight is .03225805 of a gramme, and is valued at about 2 cents, American money. It is estimated that it would require 13,200 of such coins to make a pound avoirdupois.

Sir Herbert Ames, financial director of the League of Nations, has presented a unique specimen of the coin to Eric Drummond, the general secretary.

PORTRAIT OF ROOSEVELT TO APPEAR ON TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

Theodore Roosevelt's portrait will appear for the first time on a Government security on the \$25 denomination of a new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates which will be placed on sale toward the end of the present calendar year. This new issue will be a feature of the unified Government savings plan, which is now being developed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, and which will be announced later in greater detail. The \$100 certificate will bear the portrait of Washington, and the \$1,000 certificate the portrait of Lincoln.

This announcement was made by Secretary Mellon on October 27, the sixty-third anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

DAKOTAS ONCE WELL FORESTED.

Fossil Plants Show Ancient Climate Was Almost Tropical.

Fossils have been aptly called the illustrations in the great book recording the world's history, the pages of which are the layers of rock that form the outer part of the crust of the earth. By looking at some of the photographic reproductions of fossil plants we can restore in imagination the ancient vegetation of parts of the world.

Fossil plants are very abundant in the Fort Union formation, a series of tertiary rock beds in North Dakota, where they are found in the sandstone, in the harder concretions or lenses, and in the clay between the beds of sandstone. Most of them, especially those in the clay are preserved with remarkable fidelity. About three hundred species of plants from this formation have been described, and the total number of species it contains may perhaps reach five hundred or more, according to the United States geological survey, department of interior.

This abundant fossil flora shows that what is now an almost treeless plain was once covered with splendid forests of hardwoods, interspersed with scattered conifers and gingos. The presence of numerous and at many places thick beds of lignite make it clear that in this region there were great swamps, which must have existed with but little change for long periods of time. Among the plants of this epoch were fig trees and a fan palm with leaves five or six feet across, indicating that the climate was as warm or warmer than that now prevailing on the South Atlantic Slope of the United States.

PRIZE TO ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—What archaeologists say may prove one of the most important discoveries ever made in Palestine was reported by Dr. Clarence S. Fisher, head of the university of Pennsylvania's expedition to the holy land, in a letter made public today. It was a large stone stela, on which were engraved about thirty parallel lines in Egyptian hieroglyphics, unearthed at Beisan (Beth-Shan of the Bible) the first Egyptian inscription ever found in Palestine.

Louis Larsen, Chicago, Ill.—The new Canadian cent is now coined in sufficient numbers. Coin collectors have been supplied and it is therefore no longer considered "scarce." The notes you refer to were written last summer before the coin was issued from the Canadian mint.

INQUIRIES

Questions on stamp matters must be sent to the editor of this department. It is to your benefit as well as ours, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. Remember this and also don't forget the small fee of 2c that is charged to cover expenses. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. To insure a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you de-

Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them. All questions of general interest will appear in the WEST just the same.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

E. S. Stevenson, Sallisaw, Okla.:—Can you give me information regarding the P. O. Economy Entires? By this I mean the envelopes now being used by the Washington Postoffice Department, where they attempt to obliterate the return address on business embossed stamp envelopes with overprint in heavy black rectangle printing postoffice department return below and overprint of penalty for private use across the embossed stamp. These were started when Mr. Burleson was postmaster general. Have they any value?

What would be a fair price for a block of four each of one and two cents postal savings o. g. mint?

Answer:—I don't know much about them. They come in two or three styles of overprints, mostly on white, but sometimes on colored paper. Mostly on 3c envelopes, but some on 2c. Nearly all I have seen have been the large-sized envelopes. It was simply a matter of economy to use up the redeemed envelopes, which were not addressed and were in good condition otherwise. Many 3c envelopes, which were turned back to Washington before they started the 2c overprint on 3c were used up this way. Several collectors are interested in them, but the value of them is rather unsettled.

R. J. TARPY.

Treasury Clerk, Chester, Mont.—I wish to ascertain the value of a set of Victorian Jubilee stamps, issued by the Canadian government in 1897, unused and ranging in denomination from ½ cent to 50 cents, being a full set.

Please advise me of their value or some information as to a catalogue showing the value, and also how to proceed to sell them.

Answer:—Scott's latest catalogue will give you the current value of the set. Or you can write stamp dealers for the value. You will find many names and addresses of such in "West." And as for getting them sold, we suggest that you advertise them in this magazine.

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NEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS.—By M. Sorensen.

The new Peace dollar is out, and it must be said that it certainly is a fine coin, very artistically designed. The coin was designed by Anthony De Francisci of New York. The head of Liberty is very similar to the one on our gold coins. On the reverse is depicted the finest eagle we had on any of our coins yet. The eagle is standing on a mountain crag; at its feet is a broken sword and an olive branch. Below is the word "Peace."

On the obverse the designer has placed his initials A. D. F. combined, and already newspapers are out with the old gag, which is boiled over every time we get a new coin, that unknown to the mint officials the designer placed his initials on the coin, and as a consequence will the coin have to be called in. This story smells musty, but seemingly it never gets too old to serve. It is dusted off and passed around every time. And the "general public" swallows it. Another story current is to the effect that the coin will not stack, and as a consequence the bankers are protesting.

So collectors had better get one of the new and beautiful dollars before the newspapers have them all dumped in the melting pot.

The Alabama centennial half-dollar has been issued at last—nearly two years behind scheduled time. But even if it comes late it is appreciated just the same, for it certainly is a very pretty coin—one of the finest commemorative half dollars we have been blessed with during the last few years. It is stated that there will be two varieties of this issue, like there was of the Missouri half-dollars. Why this is so, is not revealed; the reason therefore can only be guessed at. It is stated that the first 5,000 coins will have a St. Andrew's Cross between two figure "2s", incused on the obverse.

The obverse of the coin shows profile of the two governors, Hon. William W. Bibb, governor of Alabama in 1819, when the state was admitted, and Hon. Thomas E. Kilby, governor in 1919. The names, "Bib", and "Kilby", appear below the portraits. The reverse shows the coat of arms of the state of Alabama.

All banks in that state have the coin on sale.

In the year 1810 the revolution against Spain for national freedom was started in Mexico, and in 1910 a beautiful peso piece in silver—the so-called Liberty riding peso—was issued by Mexico to commemorate that event. But it was not until 11 years later, in 1821 that the independence of Mexico was recognized by treaty with Spain. The first centenary of this important event in the national history of the country was celebrated by Mexico last year. And two fine and interesting coins were issued to commemorate the event, a 2 peso piece in silver and a 50 peso coin in gold. The obverses of the two coins are similar, showing a winged figure of Liberty standing on a base; in the background faint outlines of mountains. In the field to the left of the figure is the value—Dos Pesos, or 50 Pesos—and in field to right the amount of fine silver or gold in each coin. The reverses are different. On the gold coin the eagle is in a somewhat similar position in its struggle with the serpent as on the regular coinage of Mexico, while on the 2 peso piece it is in a new and entirely different position. The silver coin has reeded edge, while

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the gold coin is with smooth edge, containing the national motto in incused lettering: INDEPENDENCIA Y LIBERTAD.

SAID TO BE BURR'S PISTOLS.

Weapons Used in Famous Duel Belong to Philadelphia Collector.

Few if any firearms in existence possess greater interest than two pistols sold at auction in Philadelphia last year. They are a pair of dueling weapons of the flintlock type, incased in a plush lined mahogany case. In perfect condition, made with barrels imported from London by Booth, one of the best known of early Philadelphia gunsmiths, they would command the interest of collectors of firearms simply as specimens of the art of the gunsmith of their period. They possess, however, a human interest and historic value, which lifts them quite out of the class of mere curios.

The tradition in the family of Caesar A. Rodney, for whose estate they were sold, is that they were given to Mr. Rodney by Col. Aaron Burr and are the pair used in the duel which resulted in the death of Alexander Hamilton. That Rodney and Burr were intimate friends is shown by the letters they interchanged and which were sold a year ago last spring. There appears no reason to doubt the authenticity of the weapons. An interesting instance of the changed personal relations which political life brings about is to be found in the fact that later, as attorney general under Jefferson, Rodney had the disagreeable task of prosecuting Burr, his intimate friend for treason.

In 1801 Burr was defeated for the presidency, Jefferson winning, and Burr becoming vice president. In 1804 Burr ran as an independent candidate for the governorship of New York and was again defeated. Both defeats he attributed to the influence of Hamilton, and this political disagreement led to the duel at Weehawken, 116 years ago, next July. Hamilton fired into the air and was killed by Burr.

The pistols were purchased by Harry B. Horner of Philadelphia, who is said to have the best collection of American firearms in existence.—Massachusetts paper.

HIS PORTRAIT ON CURRENCY.

The engraved portrait of a cabaret artist graces paper money for the first time, so far as known, in Germany.

The money is a new issue of the so-called emergency money of small denominations put out by the town of Gardelgen. The portrait is its favorite and most distinguished living son, a vaudeville and cabaret artist and one of the best known German stage humorists, Otto Reutter.

The shrewd city fathers speculated that the humorist's large following throughout Germany, as well as collectors of emergency money, would pay fancy prices for the freak issue.

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CLIPPINGS OF INTEREST.—By W. Straley.

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Two hundred and thirty years ago a London bookseller, Benjamin Harris, came to Boston and attempted to start the first American newspaper. Those were the days of witches, of high religious fervor, of hide-bound superstition. Anything new was taboo, and the newspaper was suppressed. Accordingly the governor appointed himself censor. He ordered Harris to publish nothing which he, the governor, had not approved and by this means so stifled the life of the paper that there was only one issue.—Kansas City Star.

The beach of Snails Island in the Gulf of Mexico changes its color twice daily, and for this reason is of great interest to travelers. The sands are really of a golden color, but when the tide is receding it has a pronounced purple tinge. This is due to the myriads of tiny snails crawling in the wake of the ebbing tide. The presence of these snails is what gives the island its name.—Indianapolis News.

The Old Curiosity Shop, mecca of American visitors to London has a "new little Nell." They have named a little salesgirl, who shows them the wares of the shop after the original Dickens character, and they write her postal cards addressed: "Little Nell, Old Curiosity Shop, London," from all parts of the world. One American woman won't write.

"Perhaps your friend would like this," she said to this woman. "It has a portrait of Dickens and this verse:

"No tongue can tell,

"No heart can think—

"Oh, how I love

"A drop of drink!"

And Little Nell got such a "horrid" look. "Of course I knew then," she said, "she was one of the Pussyfoot women."

Edible oysters that live with their shells imbedded in solid rock, like the fossils of some extinct creature, have been discovered in Coos Bay, Or., says Popular Science. The fact that they are fairly abundant makes these strange mollusks no less a curiosity, and the university of the state is now engaged in a study of their origin and mode of life. Because they are considered an exceptionally delicious food, the investigators are also examining into the possibility of the propagation for the market.

An interesting exhibition of twenty-seven wood block prints of Bertha Lum, of San Francisco, is being held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Mrs. Lum, whose subjects are almost entirely Japanese, has lived in Japan and studied her craft directly from the print makers of that country. She is especially interested in portraying the folk lore of the Orient and her interpretations are delightful.

Henry L. Stein, formerly of Atchison, Kans., who is now at the Rebekah Odd Fellows' Home at Manhattan, was recently offered \$25 a day to locate oil fields in Arizona for a corporation, but had to decline owing to his advanced years and physical condition. Mr. Stein is a geologist and at one time was

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connected with the Smithsonian Institute at Washington as a field collector. He has a private collection of 10,000 geological and other specimens in his rooms at Manhattan.

Discovery by a road construction crew of gigantic bones of an animal believed to be a mastodon near Penawawa, Wash., on the Snake river was reported by Rev. M. W. Fink of Penawawa. He said the skull was $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width between the eye sockets. The tusks were eight inches in diameter at the base and the teeth four to five inches across.

Rediscovery of the "Lost Mine" at Laporte, Calif., the dream of miners and prospectors for sixty years, has been made by George Rucker, according to statements made by him.

The accepted version is that a miner came to Plumas county in the early fifties and located a lode so rich that he was able to extract between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in gold in one week. He then went east to visit his old home and his death occurred there. Thereafter search for the location was futile.

A two inch section of sea-bottom with its tiny animal and plant life magnified 15,000 times, has been reproduced in glass and wax at the American Museum of Natural History, New York. It is called the Bryozoan Group, taking its name from the minute sea animals popularly called sea mats and sea mosses, that it depicts. Their shells are encrusted on seaweeds, pebbles and the shells of larger animals, and are said to be extremely beautiful in their intricate form and coloring. The "plumed worm" with its gay colors and other strange microscopic creatures, of which the average person seldom dreams, complete the group.

A strange counterfeit turned up at a bank in Washington recently, queer because it was a bogus \$5 gold coin worth about eight times as much as the genuine, because it is made of platinum.

The spurious coin was made about fifty years ago and bears the date of 1869. Musty archives of the secret service contain a record of the species and the case is marked "closed." The coins were made in Maine and came to the notice of the treasury department when the scion of a wealthy family took a quantity of them from a safety deposit box containing heirlooms and put them in circulation. All known specimens were confiscated by the secret service and it was unknown until today that others were still in circulation. It is explained that the coins were made when platinum was worth less than half as much as gold. The coins were thinly gold plated.

The life belt from the Lusitania that was found this summer in the Delaware river had probably drifted fifteen thousand miles. The Lusitania was torpedoed off the Irish coast on May 7, 1915. The belt, hydrographers say, drifted through the Irish Sea round the north of Scotland, down through the North Sea and the English Channel, and down the coasts of France, Spain and Africa, whence the current bore it across the Atlantic. The Gulf Stream then carried it north. Escaping from the Gulf Stream, it drifted to the Delaware capes, where it probably caught on the bottom or the propeller of some steamer, which brought it up the Delaware. — Youth's Companion.

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COLLECTING SEA SHELLS.

J. A. Dickinson's Collection Numbering Nearly 1,500 Shells Came From Every Coast of the Seven Seas.

There are hobbies and hobbies, but J. A. Dickinson of Lincoln has one that has stamp collections, badges, butterflies, coins, birds' eggs, candlesticks and sundry other things backed off the map. He bows to the distinction of being the only individual in Lincoln with a shell collection.

Mr. Dickinson's collection contains nearly fourteen hundred land and sea shells, just one thousand, three hundred and eighty-four to be exact, and they have come from all parts of the world. Some of them are from China, some from Australia, others from just about every island you could think of, to say nothing of the ones that were found in the different states in our own country.

And, needless to say, every shell is different. The smallest one is so small that it would almost take a microscope to see it, and the largest one is so large—well, anyway, it is much too large to carry around comfortably.

Dr. Dickinson has each shell numbered and filed away according to name and address. He has a cabinet fixed up with trays that he made himself, and each shell has a separate compartment. The very minute ones are covered with glass.

Began Ten Years Ago.

The collection was begun ten years ago, and is far from being complete, but Mr. Dickinson is adding to it, shell by shell, and if everything goes well he will have several hundred more before he is through.

How he happened to begin such a collection he doesn't know.

"I have always been very fond of everything along that line," he said. "I like everything pertaining to nature, and when I was a small boy I spent a great deal of my time collecting various things. At one time I had quite an assortment of birds' eggs. I wasn't so small then, either, quite grown up in fact, but I discovered that all of the little boys in the neighborhood were robbing every bird's nest they could find for collections of their own, so I gave up.

"I never would take more than one egg from each nest, and if there happened to be but one in it, I wouldn't touch it."

Do you know what a *Limnaea Desidiosa* is? Well, Mr. Dickinson says that it is a very common, ordinary and insignificant pond snail, in spite of the fact that it has such a highbrow name. And its brother's name is *Limnaea Stagnalis*. This last is a bit larger than the *Limnaea Desidiosa* and has a long, graceful shell, in a rich horn color. The saire is very much elevated and tapered to a point, and the whorls are much longer than wide, and separated by a distinct suture.

But it would take pages and pages to tell about and describe all of the snail shells that Mr. Dickinson has in his collection, and there are so many others that are so much prettier and aren't quite so common.

The Cowries for instance—Mr. Dickinson says that these are the kind that delight the heart of a collector. There are no others that are so beauti-

ful, according to him. These are gems of the ocean, sure enough, and have beautiful glossy coats of varied colors. There are about 200 in the species, and they are found in nearly every clime in the world. But as is true of many other things, the ones found in the tropics have the most beautiful colors.

From very ancient times, so the collector says, the cowries have been used for adornment or for barter.

Then there are the oyster shells, the thorny kind, and the kind that isn't thorny.

Chambered Nautilus.

And the Chambered Nautilus that Holmes has told us so much about.

Mr. Dickinson says that the most familiar member of this family is the Pearly Nautilus, the shell of which may be found on the mantel piece or what-not of many dwellings.

The shell of the nautilus is formed in a spiral, and is made up of many chambers, all connected by a tube called a siphunal. The shell is called the Pearly Nautilus, but the pearl tints cannot be seen until the outer layer, which is yellowish white with brown markings, is taken off, when the exquisite rainbow-like colors may be observed.

There are over 300 fossil species of the Nautilus, and five or six of them are still living, so Mr. Dickinson says.

Another very pretty shell in the collection is the pectea. It is fan shaped and highly colored. It comes from the Philippines.

From East India.

Then there is the Pterocera Chiragera from the East Indies and the Cypraea Mappa, and Melongema Pugilimia, and just hundreds and hundreds of other things that can't be described.

Mr. Dickinson believes that he has the largest collection of this kind in the state. The prices of these shells range all the way from three for a nickel for the smallest ones to twenty-five and thirty dollars each. It depends upon how rare the shell is as to its expense.

Owing to Mr. Dickinson's modesty, few persons know that his collection is as extensive as it really is. At the present time he has almost fourteen hundred shells, and intends to keep on with his hobby until he has added several hundred more. Then, according to Mr. Dickinson, the entire collection will be presented to the university.—Lincoln Star.

FINDS EIGHT HUNDRED HUMAN SKELETONS.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.—The finding of approximately 800 human skeletons in a cave in the mountains near here was reported yesterday by Professor Henry Woodman, of this city. The bones were in a cone-shape heap about 80 feet high and 80 feet in diameter at the base, Prof. Woodman stated, and are thought to be those of Indians. Tomahawks and beads also were found in the cave which Prof. Woodman thinks was the burial ground of Indians several centuries ago. Archaeologists from the several colleges in this section are planning to make a thorough investigation of the cave.

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EXHIBIT TO INCLUDE COINS OF PORCELAIN.

Philatelic and Numismatic Sections of Maryland Academy of Sciences
Plan Display.

Odd, curious and rare United States stamps and coins exhibited at the Maryland Academy of Science.

The exhibit will be held under auspices of the Philatelic and the Numismatic Sections of the academy. Among the new issues of stamps that will be seen will be those from the new nations of Europe, which figure so much in the newspapers—Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Ukrania and others. Of interest to autograph collectors, as well as stamp collectors will be an exhibit of envelopes, addressed and mailed by such men as Daniel Webster and former presidents of the United States franked with their signatures.—Baltimore News.

Among the coins will be shown some of the recent European issues, including porcelain coins of Germany.

There will be a booth at which stamps and supplies may be procured and stamp publications will be distributed to those attending the exhibit. Talks on various lines of stamp collecting will be given during the exhibit.

CONDITION.

General collectors used to be the prevailing fashion; specialists are now the preferred vintage; but the condition crank we have with us always. On rare occasions we have met men who were interested in accumulating a collection of stamps in normal used condition, but they have been rare and remote.

Mr. Arthur Cleveland Brent, one of America's foremost biologists, told us once, many years ago, that the value of a specimen depends on what remains, and not on that portion of it which is gone. Any museum in the world would give a good price for ANY portion of the skin of a dodo, of which no specimen exists in any collection. The curator who mended the *Dinornis* egg, broken into sixty-four pieces, and reproduced it perfectly, was an artist. Yet the stamp collector, who has a specimen which is badly torn, despises the man who repairs and restores it for him, and detests the sight of his specimen, even though it may be one of an existing score. To such a man the Portland Vase would appear more pulchreous, fractured into a million fragments!

By far the greater number of specimens of rarities are damaged in some way; they may be thinned, torn, or even fragmentary. We remember having seen, in a New York auction catalogue, an offer of the 1 cent August, described as being "torn in two, and about a quarter of the stamp missing, a sad wreck of a great rarity." Whether the stamp was sold we are unable to say, but if it was, some discerning person has had it properly repaired and restored, and it is now a specimen of value and beauty. THE VALUE DEPENDS UPON WHAT REMAINS, not upon what has disappeared.

The point we wish to make is that a repaired specimen of a rare stamp, of beautiful appearance, has a REAL value.—Pacific Philatelist.

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INDIAN LORE.—Sent by Frank P. McKenna.

ANCIENT STONE

Did the Indians have to battle for possession of New England against gigantic mastodons?

Some scientists are convinced that at last they have an answer to this question on the face of a stone dug up by Frank C. Hammond, a railroad engineer, on his farm in Taunton, Mass.

They believe that this stone bears a genuine record, an objective drawing made by a living witness to the conflict for the supremacy of the continent between the natural brute and the supernatural human.

During the past 50 years the existence in America of mastodons has been fully established.

Whether these animals flourished prior to the advent of man and were annihilated by unfavorable meteorological phenomena, or whether they were exterminated by artificial weapons of the human family is a question involving the antiquity of man in America upon which the opinions of archeologists are divided.

The gem of the collection is this mystic ceremonial stone. On what is evidently the obverse side is a zoological garden of symbolic animals—bison, whale, turtle, snake, seal, hawk, turkey—and various cryptic lines and figures suggesting a religious calendar.

The reverse side especially challenges attention by a scene representing the struggle between man and brute. One mastodon is in profile, two or three outlined approaching "head on," and a dozen Indians with bows and spears. Two warriors are trampled under the feet of the monster in whose flanks several arrows are lodged. Trees, wigwams, sun, stars and lightning make up the background.

Primitive man in all parts of the world mastered the art of representing animals better than humans, perhaps from a religious superstition that the Great Spirit resided in animals.

Picture the medicine man when the sachems gather around the council fire on the eve of a momentous occasion—visualize him as he takes the stone from a buckskin pouch, fastens it with thongs about his neck and interprets the symbols in the midst of the circle under the glow of the fantastic light, in evoking the Great Spirit's blessing, chanting the glory of great deeds and recounting the subjugation of the brute kingdom among triumphs of his people.

Every bit of evidence touching upon man's antiquity in America has run the gauntlet of closest scrutiny by cautious and skeptical paleontologists. The claims of the Calaveras skull of California, rune stones of Nova Scotia, relics of the Ohio mound builders, the puzzling alphabet stone of Minnesota, the artistic ornaments of the Mayas in Central America—these have been subjected to most critical analysis. Therefore comments by eminent archeologists upon the Taunton stone are apropos.

Prehistoric Corn Found in Tennessee.

Corn that grew in Tennessee in pre-historic times was unearthed recently by W. E. Meyer of the Bureau of American Ethnology and sent to the United States Department of Agriculture for identification. During recent

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excavations in Davidson county, Tenn., Mr. Meyer came upon a number of stone slab graves containing mortuary vessels.

Some of these held specimens of charred maize in fairly good condition. From the size and shape of the grains it was possible to identify the variety as Many-Rowed Tropical Flint, a form half way between true flint and popcorn. The same type of Indian corn occurs in the West Indies, and there appears to have been a very early communication between the West Indies and North America. Not only corn but beans, squashes, pumpkins and tobacco are of tropical and subtropical origin. These staples, now so important throughout both hemispheres, found their way into North America and were cultivated beyond the Great Lakes in Canada long before the discovery of America.

Totem Poles Are Passing.

Alaska and the Northwest are alarmed over the possibility of being shorn of a feature attraction, the totem poles.

Large numbers of the carved poles, formerly decorating the native fishing villages from Puget Sound to Podiak Island, have been shipped to the east coast of the United States on inter coastal vessels.

Last week 100 of the most famous totems were stowed aboard the steamship Morse and are being shipped to Boston, New York and Philadelphia. At this rate the historic emblems will soon be gone. Indians will not trade or sell the totems, so that in order to obtain them the tribes are enticed away and in their absence raiders take down and carry away the monuments.

PECULIAR PETRIFIED BONE.

Found a peculiar petrified bone while in Manitou, Colo. Is great numbers of tourists roam through the "Garden of the Gods" in Manitou, at the foot of Pikes Peak. I was enjoying myself climbing into and over all kinds of different formations in the extreme western part of the park and happened to get into quite a fair sized cavern that was shut off from all sides but a very small hole in one spot. It looked like a very good spot to be overlooked by sight-seers so I got into it, by a great effort, and when inside, in the deepest part, found this bone I mention. It is rather out of the ordinary in shape and size and hard as stone, so believe it is something in the line of a "find." It's about 10 inches long, quite heavy, very hard, and is of the reddish-brown color of the rocks in that part of the park. This part of the country is well noted for its Indian history, such as finding of Indian skeletons, relics, etc.

HAROLD J. GIESSE.

WOVE HER DREAM INTO A RUG.

Navajo Squaw Perpetuated Symbol of Clan of Not-Toy.

A weird Navajo rug, sketched from a sand painting and depicting a few of the numerous divinities that swarmed the great Navajo nation, has been

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sent to Denver by Bruce M. Barnard, government agent at the Navajo agency, Shiprock, N. M.

Late last summer in a Navajo hogan, or tepee, about four miles west of Shiprock, a small Indian clan, or phratry, known as Not-toy, held initiation for a squaw, wife of a medicine man. The initiation of a woman into such a group is unusual and seldom done.

As a part of the ceremony, she was obliged to make a sand painting on the floor of the hogan from sands of natural colors collected from the desert hillsides of the reservation. This painting, agreed the eleven men of the phratry who conducted the initiation, should be known as "Not-toy," the clan's official name, and should symbolize their gods.

The squaw, who said the design had come to her in a dream, predicted on its completion that it would give her such strength that she need no longer have fear of God or man or bear. Two figures are represented in the painting, "Heavens" and "Earth," each standing on the rainbow. The "Heavens" has with it the moon, the sun and some of the stars on a black background. The "Earth" boasts of its corn, pumpkins, beans and tobacco. In two corners are a bundle of arrows and a bat, both of which are sacred.

Superstition forbids a sand painting to remain in existence overnight. At sundown ensuing any ceremony, religious, curative of otherwise, the medicine man carries the sands that compose the painting into the open and scatters them. Hence when the initiation ceremony was over the squaw set about perpetuating the symbolical design by weaving it into a rug.

IN PRAISE OF COLLECTING.

"People laugh at collectors, who perhaps do lay themselves open to railery, but that is also the case with all of us when in love with anything at all. We ought rather to envy collectors, for they brighten their days with a long and peaceable joy. Perhaps what they do a little resembles the task of the children who spade up heaps of sand at the edge of the sea, labouring in vain, for all they have built up will soon be overthrown, and that no doubt is true of collections. But we need not blame the collectors for it; the fault lies in the vicissitudes of existence and the brevity of life. The sea carries off heaps of sand, and auctioneers disperse the collections; and yet there are no better pleasures than the building of heaps of sand at ten years old, and of collections at sixty. Nothing of all we erect will remain, in the end; and a love of collecting is no more vain and useless than other passions are."—Anatole France, in *Le Jardin d'Epicure*.

NINE SKELETONS FOUND AMONG INDIAN RELICS.

Bladen, Neb.—Dr. Melvin Gilmore of University Place arrived here Tuesday evening and is directing the excavation of the Indian relics northwest of town.

Nine skeletons have been unearthed, some lying crosswise of others. Hundreds of beads, lots of pottery and one bowl was removed in almost perfect condition. The bowl measured about 10 inches in diameter and 12 inches in depth and is pointed at the bottom.

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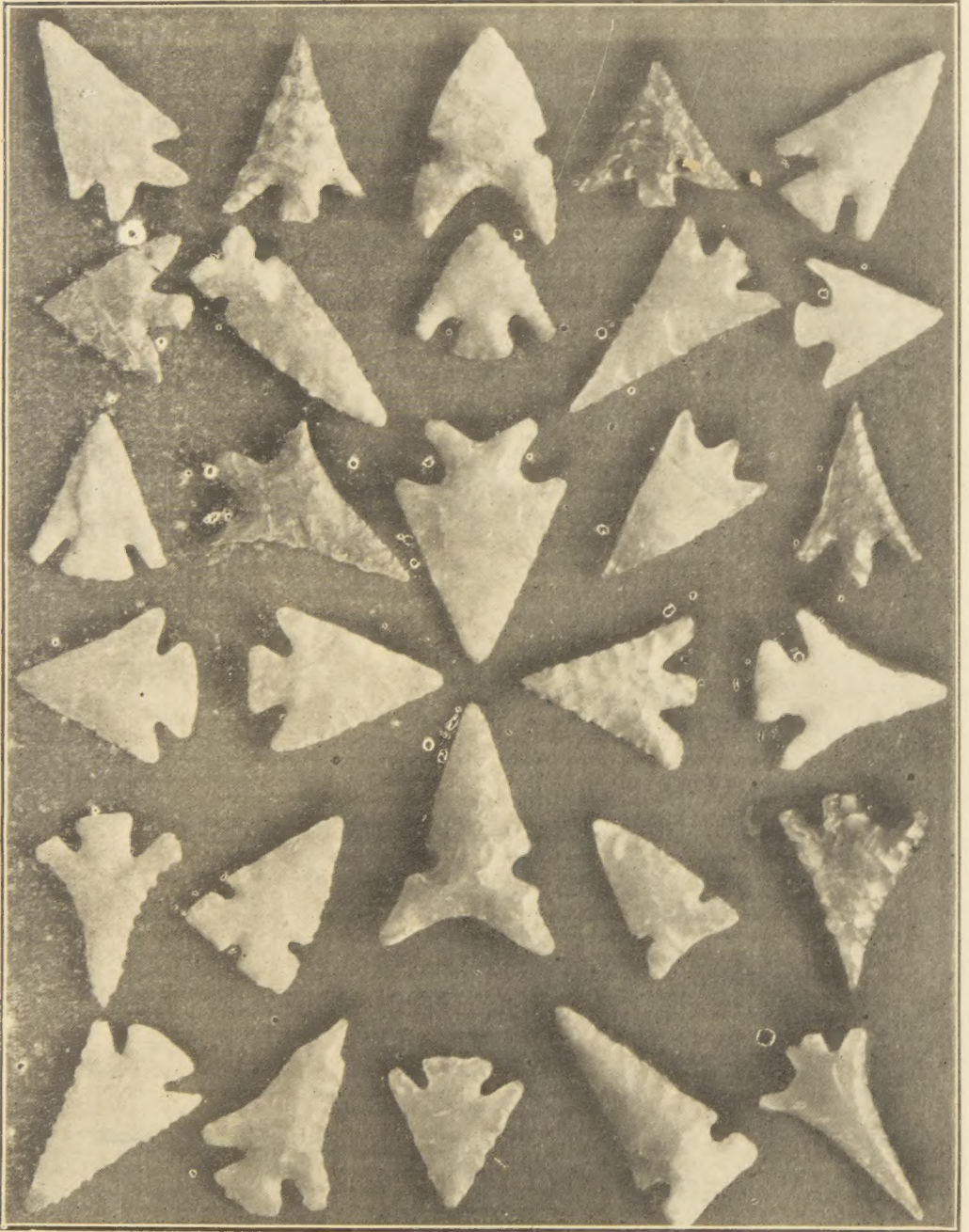
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\$5 Manifest	3.50	1.75
\$5 Mortgage	1.50	.75
\$5 Probate of Will	\$1.25	.65
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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Nineteen twenty two, is going to be great year for those who make any effort, but those who sit down and wait, will be worse off December 31 than they are now. If you have never advertised before, DO IT NOW, then you will begin to feel business go ahead again, because business is getting better every day, and it pays to start something, will help more in co-operation and unity to get collectors more interested, why like plan Kansas City Boys' Hotel Collectors club, will help out for future collectors, why we think more papers for collectors helps keep up interest, and no paper but reaches some active collectors that don't see any other paper, and all I find does some good.

Next issue will start new features, and Stamp Collecting 45 Years Ago, by Ohio collector. Reese says of various philatelic papers, received WEST is most interesting and welcome Hatch Oakfield is one of our oldest readers, over eighty years old, and still collecting, has been in rocking chair three years since he left the hospital; most always sends in friend collectors' subscription when he renews, why we like to see more friendship among collectors, for it is most valuable asset that our paper has or can have for we can give more and better service if each reader would get friend collector to subscribe and get two, and get your own free. Why we know WEST Want X Ads are shortest possible means for many collectors' problems, to help each other more, for most everybody has something to swap if you look around, see what you have. For telling it, is selling it, when you tell it in the WEST, try ad and be convinced.

V. Teach, Wis., says: Do Ads in the WEST pay? I'll say so.

Dr. Stuart says his first ad was so good that he is about cleaned out already, says the WEST sure gets the results.

Mrs. Sisson, Chicago, reports her husband said WEST got the best results of any paper.

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NEW IRISH STAMPS.

Irish stamps of all values of contemporary British postage stamps from ½d. to 10s., overprinted "Rialtas Scaladach na Hierann, 1922" (Provisional Government of Ireland, 1922), in four lines of Gaelic characters, have been placed on sale at post offices throughout the Irish Free State. The overprinting was carried out under the direction of the Irish postal authorities by two Dublin firms, Messrs. Alexander Thom and Co. and Dollard and Co.

BOYS START STAMP CLUB.

One of the WEST'S oldest readers and friends, W. G. Jerrems, writes that on February 21 he helped start a stamp collectors' club at the Boys Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. Among the hundred and twenty homeless boys who are living in the hotel twenty-five joined stamp club as charter members and elected officers. The manager, C. Hahn, was once a stamp collector and used to live in Publisher's home town. I have known him for close to thirty years. For any of WEST readers who can help send old stamps, albums and literature to the club you will be helping the good work along for future collectors. We trust we will hear of others helping to start stamp clubs as think they are surely needed.

Think that our national leading stamp societies should have or get out hand books like has been done in Europe. Would help do lots of good for new collectors. Seems hard to find or see anything like Lincoln used to issue. Stamp Collecting Notes in London was very good. I have given many away to help out and try to interest or to help start collectors going.

POSTAGE STAMP WORTH A FORTUNE.

The news that a Waukegan boy has found a postage stamp worth a fortune calls to mind that there are things of value which we ordinary individuals cannot appreciate. Can you imagine anybody being willing to

pay \$20,000 for any old sort of a postage stamp? Why the average person dislikes to pay two cents for a stamp that can be used in mailing a letter. They don't even think enough of it to say "thank you" when they enter a downtown store and the boss or a clerk walks clear around the store to dish them out a stamp to use on a postal card which they may have purchased elsewhere. Do YOU, when a storekeeper accommodates you by getting out a stamp, making change and thus exerting himself without any profit therefor, remember to say: "Thank you?" Nine out of ten do not. And yet some stamps are worth \$10,000 or \$20,000. Wow!—From Waukegan, Ill., Sun.

AROUND THE PHILATELIC WORLD WITH RALPH L. KING.

Don't pay fancy prices for Dutch Indies Nos. 113 and 115 Scott's because some dealer marks them "rare" or "try to get them elsewhere." They are still being sold from the postoffices in the Dutch Indies. One of my co-editors, Wm. J. Smith, of the Waukegan (Ill.) Daily Sun, is making a trip around the world and a month ago he bought a "hatful" of them for me although he doesn't know a rare stamp from a sale bill, except that the latter is worth a lot to a printer.

The 50-cent value of this issue may be obsolete because there was none in a set he bought at the postoffice, although all the other values were included to the 2½ gulden. He also bought the set from 101 to 109 so don't get excited over the so-called rare 3, 4 and 7½ cent values of that issue. The lot also included two of the same type and color of the Netherland Marine insurance stamps No. 201 and 202 but are printed "Ned ludie."

New Dutch ludies varieties I got were type A11 as follows:

One cent, light olive green; two and one-half cent, vermillion.

Type A12. Ten cent, deep carmine rose; 17½c, overprinted 12½c cent in red; 22½c, overprinted 20 cent in blue-black.

Type 13. Fifty cent, overprinted 32½ cent in blue-black.

The overprints probably mean a change in postal rates as both the 22½ cent and the 20 cent of A12 can still be bought at postoffices, there probably being little use for them, while the 12½ and 20 cent are in greater demand.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Straits Settlements has some new values in the script watermark. There is a 12c ultramarine in type A25. In the old watermark there are also the 50c and \$1.00 chalky paper, both the paper and colors being much lighter shades.

HONG KONG.

Hong Kong also is blossoming out with the new script watermark and collectors are wondering "what to do." The script in some of the chalky paper varieties are very hard to classify from the old watermark. Where will it all end for the general collector?

(More From the Next Port.)

Every issue you find a story buried in the Trade X Ads far more wonderful than its leading features. It pays to read and heed the Trade Want X Ads in this Magazine.

BRIGHT & SON'S "A. B. C." DESCRIPTIVE PRICED CATALOGUE

Of Stamps of the Continent of Europe and Its Colonies.

Stamp Collecting says: In reviewing this welcome new edition of Messrs. Bright & Son's "Europe and Colonies," we cannot do better than quote their preface:

"This, the twelfth edition of the 'A B C' Catalogue of the stamps of the European Continent and the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, is noteworthy for the inclusion, for the first time, of the new Republics and States which have arisen from the ashes of the old Monarchies, and of the temporary issues made by Armies of Occupation.

"The Catalogue has increased by 120 pages, the greater portion of this being due to stamps issued in consequence of the break-up of the Austrian and Russian Empires. Great care has been taken in preparing the lists of these new issues, and we can confidently assert that in this Catalogue will be found the most complete check-lists yet published.

"As a reminder of the Great War these issues will be a landmark to the collector as long as philately lasts, and many centuries hence will be valuable historical evidence of the great changes that have altered the territorial and political features of the map of Europe.

"Although semi-independent and not strictly European, we have included such countries as Armenia, Azerbaidjan, Georgia, etc., in this volume, as having been portions of, or under the political influence of the old Russian Empire. Time will show whether they should be retained in this volume or transferred to Part III.

"None of the issues of the late enemy states made since the outbreak of war have been included. In the first place it appears to us that the settlement of Europe has not yet arrived at the stage when one can feel confident that the chief of our late enemies is at all repentant of her past misdeeds or is honest in her professed intentions of making reparation. This firm has suffered personal losses too great for it to welcome any resumption of trading with its former Teutonic clients. But, be that as it may, we feel that, as publishers of a Catalogue, we cannot permanently exclude from its pages stamps issued entirely or partly for postal purposes, and at a later date they will be included.

"Since the last edition the value of old stamps and many modern ones has risen enormously, and this rise is reflected in the prices quoted. The period of world prosperity which we believe is slowly but surely approaching will cause further advances in prices, and as collectors continue to increase in number it is becoming increasingly difficult to supply their wants."

The catalogue contains more than 500 pages, including Addenda, and, although its publication ante-dated the avalanche of French Colonial issues, that it is to all intents and purposes "up to the minute" is indicated by the fact that it includes the recent provisionals for French Nigeria and French Soudan, as well as the 20 aur. on 25a. provisional of Iceland and sundry other novelties but a few days old. As to the catalogue itself, no philatelic home can be considered complete without it. See Page Ad.

MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB HAS A BOY'S NIGHT.—By Herman W. Boers.

Saturday evening, January 7, the Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit had a real philatelic night. The club invited boys interested in stamp collecting to attend the meeting and they came twenty-seven strong to learn about stamps. It was a new experience for them; they saw stamps and heard stamps talked as they had never heard them before.

After a short business session Dr. P. Hoskins, president, invited everybody to the dining-room where a big spread was in waiting, and it was certainly enjoyed by all present. After the lunch Dr. W. L. Babcock, Z. Dworkowski, Karl Koslowski, Charles Kellar, William F. Fratcher and Dr. P. Hoskins spoke to the boys with words of encouragement for their collecting interest.

Music was furnished. Before the boys went home each was presented with a packet of stamps. There was also an auction sale. The boys enjoyed it and will be glad to have another invitation. An original poem was written for the occasion by C. H. Holden and was well received.

As a stamp collecting center Detroit ranks very high, but it has never had a good stamp shop downtown. Recently William F. Fratcher, the well-known Philatelist-dealer opened up a stamp shop at 922 Michigan Ave. under the name of the Michigan Stamp & Coin Co. Karl Koslowski and F. Myers, both stamp experts, are helping Mr. Fratcher out.

LOCAL COLLECTORS AND STAMP CLUBS.

The West is much pleased to see and hear of local collectors and stamp clubs being formed. Last one we got word from was J. D. Schmidt, who says: This old town has recently organized The New Orleans Philatelic Club, Inc., which is the first incorporated association in the United States. We have forty members and are growing with each meeting. We meet each Thursday.

This city is a great place for Old Stamps of all kinds and general collectors will find good opportunities here. An old collection was recently purchased, containing the four-penny error, number 11, Cape of Good Hope. One of these stamps recently sold in Paris for 15,000 francs. Schmidt says he has two of number 411 Alsace Lorraine, unused. Have also a few of the early United States, including number 34, uncanceled. This is the place to get good stamps first hand.

Officers of New Orleans Philatelic Club are Arthur W. Van Pelt, president; John D. Schmidt, vice president and Robert M. Mordecai, secretary-treasurer. The West would like to hear of any other local clubs.

PLEASE FAVOR US.

We are entirely out of the issues of West for 1920-1921, also February 1922. An unusually heavy subscription season exhausted the supply. Send it along if you can spare and we will gladly extend your subscription 2 months.

NOTICE.

After reading your paper, pass it on to some one else and ask them to read it, send in their subscription and pass it on to another.

WHERE HAVE THE NORWAY ONES GONE?—Written for the West by

V. W. Rotnem, F. R. P. S.

Collectors were startled a year ago to notice that the market price for the first issue of Norway was approximately \$3.25 for fine copies. It seems inconceivable that so comely a stamp should be so popular. In 1904 Scott modestly listed it at 15c. Today they condescend to give a valuation of \$2.50. There has been a reason for this startling increase in value. This stamp was issued in 1854, at a time when printing methods and engraving methods were not very far developed. Consequently, each separate dye in the sheet of one hundred Norway Ones was engraved separately by hand. Although they were skillful works of art, nevertheless minor differences in the corner designs, in the lion, which is the main attraction on the stamp, are very noticeable. Collectors during the last three years have made vain attempts to plate this stamp. No unused sheet or portion of a sheet is known to exist. Therefore the work is very difficult. Comparisons must be made as to plate positions with pairs, strips and blocks, and were I to tell you that a strip of four has sold for as much as \$250.00 when it was catalogued at \$8.00, you will see the importance of this stamp when in a pair or strip. Blocks of four are extremely scarce.

Added to this, we have the fact that four distinct cancellations are collectible. The numerical cancellations, encircled with three lines, is especially popular in view of the fact that each different numeral and there are over two hundred, represents a different city, town or hamlet. The Black Gridiron is a separate and distinct cancellation. Then the Pen cancellation, which on a British Colonial would cause the stamp to depreciate ninety per cent, on this stamp is a rarity. The most popular of all cancellations, of course, is the dated town cancellation. A fine steel cut dye was evidently used by the larger cities, and it was carefully placed on each stamp so that beautiful copies showing almost the complete circle, the town name, district number, and date are rather common.

Colored cancellations in blue and green in either of the three most common cancellations are occasionally seen. Added to this, various shadings may be made. Several attempts to corner the stamp have, no doubt, at certain intervals boosted the price a little too far. Nevertheless, it is a scarce stamp. The demand for it is constant and will become greater every year.

Next month we will discuss "A Scarcer Norway Stamp Than Number 1."

The total number of stamps issued to date is 34,374, of which 9,209 are apportioned to the British Empire, and 25,165 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 9,086, Asia 6,424, Africa 7,858, America 6,403, the West Indies 2,459, and Oceanica 2,144. A comparison with last year's figures will show that 1,909 new stamps have been issued during the year, of which European countries are responsible for 1,122. Go to it, gentlemen, and think how many more there are for the chap who chases the minor variety also.

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CURRENT NOTES ON THE NEW ISSUES.—By A. Jacobs

A message which has come to hand states that the memorial issue of the Bouchier stamps (issued by the Bulgarian Government in memory of the "Times" correspondent) has after a long delay reached England from Sofia, where they were placed on sale on December 30th and again on January 3rd. For the future they are to be sold only on Mondays and Thursdays and in not more than quantities of 100 sets to each applicant. The designs are well displayed by the colors utilized for the several denominations—10 stotinki vermillion, 20. stot. orange, 30 s. steel blue, 50 s. indigo, 1 liva, claret, 1½ liva, olive green; 2 liva myrtle green; 3 l, bluegreen; and 5 l, lake. The stamps are recess printed in sheets of 100, with the imprint of the engravers, Messrs Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., across the bottom margin. These stamps according to report were issued with the authorization and by special enactment of the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance in March last year. The numbers printed amount to 2,000,000 copies of the 30-50 stotinki and 1 leva value and 1,500,000 of the 1½ leva and 1,000,000 each of the other values.

New Austrian Issues.

New stamps by Prof. William Dachauer, Vienna Academy are being brought into use by the Austrian Post Office this month. The low values are surface printed and those from 20 to 200 kronen are printed from line engraved plates. Three different designs are incorporated in the regular postage series. That of the ½, 2½, 7½ and 12½ k, values are symbolic of agriculture, typified by an ear of wheat; industry is represented on the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 k. by hammer and tongs, and art is the subject of the higher values represented by the picture of a beautiful woman set in the heart of a flower, and surrounded by rays,—presumably of light. New designs are also forthcoming for postage due, newspapers and express letter stamps. The first consists merely in an ornamental frame enclosing a value numeral, the second the head of Mercury, and the third shows a post horn and thunderbolt. One notable point in the new issues is that these merely bear the word "Oesterrich" and not "Deutsche Oesterriche" as used to be the case.

Lithuanian Special Stamps.

Two special stamps have been issued by Central Lithuania in commemoration of the seizure of Vilna by General Zeligowski, the first 100 marks face value, printed in blue and bistre, bears the date "9 Pazdziernika 1920" with an illustration of the entry of the Polish troops. The other, 150 marks, brown and olive has the bust of the Polish General.

New Issues, and Color Changes for Sweden and Norway.

A 1 kronen stamp, recess printed, in orange on yellowish paper, bearing the crown and post horn design has been added to the current Swedish series and the 25 ore red has appeared in the portrait type with the king's head facing to the left.

In accordance with the new postal union standard the Norwegian stamps have been changed in color, 5 ore green to bistre, 10 ore red to green, 20 ore blue to olive, 25 ore lilac to red, 40 ore olive green to blue.

In accordance with the U. P. U. new color scheme the stamps of the French colonies of the values 5, 10, 25, 35 and 50 centimes are about to be

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brought into line. It is reported that France will follow the example set by Greece and Belgium by creating souvenir postage stamps in connection with the forthcoming Olympic games meeting at Paris.

New Japanese Introductions.

In consequence of the introduction of revised rates for foreign postage, new postage stamps of picturesque designs are to be issued in Japan the subjects of which will include a view of Tuuyama and other scenic splendors. A special issue of overprinted stamps for Yap Island is foreshadowed, under Japanese control.

DETECTING STAMP FRAUDS.

Counterfeiting Attempts Rarely Are Successful.

The bulk of the stamps which the non-collector sees have no intrinsic value. They retail for a cent or two apiece, but this merely covers the cost of handling them. There are perhaps twenty-five thousand varieties from all over the world that have a true market value based on rarity and demand. Those costing less than a dollar are apt to be neglected as trash; and as we approach the hundred-dollar class the market is, of course, limited. Nevertheless the real rarities, of which the known copies are numbered, come as high as five and ten thousand dollars, with plenty of buyers to absorb the limited offerings.

With such values and a free market, fraud is bound to be attempted. Most counterfeits are made of whole cloth. But whether the design be reproduced with the aid of a camera or by hand engraving, it will not correspond exactly with the original. With hand engraved counterfeits, the expert examines the details of the stamp for points of divergence from the known genuine design. The photographic reproduction is more faithful in these matters, but usually differs from its original in the general effect of tone and shading, and often in size.

The expert has seen a number of counterfeits of any given stamp, and often has a reference collection containing many of these. If the specimen under examination fails to identify itself with any familiar counterfeit it must either identify itself with the genuine stamp or display divergence that marks it as a "new" counterfeit. The examination is conducted under a glass that magnifies two or three diameters. The experienced philatelist knows what sort of mistake the counterfeiter most easily makes, and what sort he can himself best see; so he knows just about what to look for and what parts of the specimen to examine most carefully. His work is quickly completed, especially when carried on in the presence of a genuine copy.

SOME MORE SAMOAS.

New stamps are being prepared in London for the postal service in Samoa, having been ordered some time back by the New Zealand Government. The design depicts a Samoan fale (or whare, as it would be called in New Zealand) with two cocoanut palms in the background, and a representative of the British Royal Standard in the foreground of the fale.—Postage Stamp.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.—By R. J. Tarpy.

Another famous old time collection of U. S. Revenues has just recently been dispersed. I refer to the collection of "United States" and "State" revenue stamps formed by the late J. K. Adenaw which was sold at auction in New York City.

This was a famous collection and was a prize winner at the International Philatelic Exposition in New York City in 1913. The State Revenues were probably the most complete in existence.

It was an immense lot of stamps being highly specialized and the collection containing many blocks, pairs, strips, etc., as well as full sheets in some of the State Revenues. There were also over 4,000 duplicates of the State Revenues alone.

While some very good prices were realized on many of the rarer items it would seem that on the whole the prices were not all that might have been hoped for considering the exceptionally fine condition of most of the lots. "Uncancelled," "unused o. g.," "fine," "scarce," "rare" being very commonly used in the description and as any one knows who has tried to find them, really fine copies, especially unused or uncanceled, of early U. S. revenues are by no means easy to get.

Considering, however, that State Revenues are not a very popular field for collecting at present, the prices realized may have been satisfactory on the complete sale.

An imperf. block of 4 of the 2-cent Certificate brought \$16.00; a horiz. imperf. pair of the 3-cent Telegraph, \$6.25; 10-cent Bill of Lading, imperf. block of 4, \$6.00; 10-cent Certificate, imperf. horiz. strip of 4, \$35.00; vertical pair, imperf. of \$1 Life Ins., \$31.00, almost 4 times catalogue; \$1 Passage Ticket, imperf. horiz. strip of 3, \$40.00; vertical, imperf. pair \$3 Charter Party, \$12.75, over 5 times catalogue; imperf. vert. strip of 3 of the \$3 Manifest, \$17.00; \$5 Probate of Will, imperf. horiz. pair, one creased, \$31.00 and \$15 Mortgage, imperf. vert. pair, lower one with closed tear, \$49.00. The imperf. vert. pair of \$20 Probate of Will brought \$115.00, being \$15.00 over catalogue.

In the part perf. stamps a block of 8 of the 2c Bank Check brought \$4.00 and a block of 9 of the 10c Inland Exchange, \$7.00; a block of 4 of the 25c Insurance, \$10.50, and a vertical pair of the 25c Warehouse Receipt, \$15.50.

Of the perforated issue the first item was a block of 10 of the 2c Proprietary ultramarine, full o. g. and perfect, it brought \$165.00; an unused 4c Playing Card "o. g." brought \$24.50; an unused \$25.00 Mortgage part o. g., \$8.00; and a \$50.00 U. S. I. R. unused o. g., \$6.00.

Two unused, "no gum," nicely centered copies of the \$200.00 U. S. I. R. brought \$22.50 each. A perfection copy, unused, of the \$20.00 blue and black brought \$18.00, but the next lot, a similar stamp only a trifle off center, only brought \$4.75 showing what condition means in revenue as well as in postage stamps.

The \$200.00 of this second issue, full o. g. perfection in every way described as the gem of the collection brought \$212.50, almost full catalogue, but not very good compound interest on \$200.00 from 1871 to date.

The \$20.00 of the third issue unused and well centered brought \$15.75.

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There was nothing of extreme rarity in the Proprietary Issues, the 50c green and black, unused o. g., but with slight stain brought \$15.00, which would seem cheap considering "o. g."

The State Revenues should be reviewed by some one more conversant with them. In the "California lots" a number of single stamps are noted running \$20.00 to \$49.00 each and one up to \$62.00. Two sheets of 8—\$2 carmine on bluish, "thin wove paper" noted as being probably the only sheets in existence brought \$36.00 and \$41.00.

The highest priced Louisiana Lottery stamp was a 12½c, very fine, unused copy which brought \$41.00.

The Nevada revenues did not seem to go very high, the highest priced lot being a sheet of 20 of the \$20.00 purple, thin paper, which brought \$19.00.

A "duplicate collection" of California revenues, 397 varieties, including some rare ones, estimated to catalogue over \$1,000.00 only brought \$95.00.

The wholesale stock of the California Revenues, over 4,000 stamps in 20 lots brought 8c to 30c per stamp.

THE NEWSPAPER SLANT.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars for a stamp! That is the fancy price that Allen Logan, president of the Logan Brothers Grain Company of Kansas City, paid for each of a block of four stamps he bought at the American Philatelic Convention at Milwaukee recently. Mr. Logan's total outlay for the stamps was 3,000 dollars.

The stamps were inverted aeroplane ones, issued in 1916, with a face value of 24 cents each. They were designed for use in the opening of the aeroplane mail service in this country, and Eugene Klein, stamp broker, discovered by accident that the aeroplane on each stamp was inverted. Acting as agent for Col. Edward Green, son of the late Hetty Green, Mr. Klein bought up the ninety-nine stamps known to be in existence for 20,000 dollars. Colonel Green selected the ones he wanted for his own collection and put the rest on the market.

Mr. Logan was in Milwaukee on business at the time of the philatelic convention and learned that Mr. Klein had a block of four of the stamps for sale. Mr. Logan put in his 3,000 dollar offer for them and the deal was consummated quickly. Before the evening was over Mr. Logan had an opportunity to sell the stamps at a large profit.

Mr. Logan started a stamp collection when he was a boy 12 years old, and now has more than twenty thousand stamps in it. Many of them are very rare, among them a Baltimore, Md., 5 cent stamp which was last valued at 800 dollars, and which stamp catalogues do not list now, as it is regarded as practically priceless.

"I bought the aeroplane stamps at Milwaukee as an investment," Mr. Logan says. "Figures in recent years show that there is a better market for stamps of rare issue than there is for standard stocks and bonds. Their average increase in value is 10 per cent a year."—Kansas City paper.

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THE MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

With the turn of the year many philatelists will be taking stock of their acquisitions during the last twelve months. Those who have been able to purchase generously will have had no cause to lament their foresight.

Many collections have come on the market during the year and the dealers have thus been able to offer a great variety of tempting bargains, particularly amongst the obsolete issues of the British Colonies, which are not likely to be again obtainable so cheaply as the period of financial depression passes off.

On the Continent rare and early Europeans have been selling at many times their 1914 valuations, but it is noteworthy that this inflation has not extended to any extent to the British Colonial group, which therefore are much sounder from an investment point of view, not having risen out of all proportion during the boom, but only with that gradual increase, the test of all good stamps.

Stamps Abroad.

Some buyers, however, who have sent to Germany or Austria for these stamps, with the intention of obtaining them very cheaply, owing to the lowness of the exchange, will have, in most cases, suffered disillusionment, as the dealers in these countries hold remarkably small stocks of British Colonials, and many are reduced to dealing almost entirely in Neuropo and Armistice stamps.

The market in the common Colonial War Stamps has been rather dull of late, many dealers and speculators having over imported, and are now selling at a loss so as to free Capital. The rarer War Stamps, however, particularly the overprints on the German Colonial Issues, are always in demand, and it is noteworthy that high prices are being paid for these in Germany itself.

Current Colonials.

A set worth watching is the Samoa Victory Issue, which does not appear to have been a very large printing, and which seems likely to appreciate in the near future, postally used copies especially are scarce.

The Georgian issues of the Morocco Agencies are rather confusing as three different currencies are or were in use in the various towns. The high values, 3, 6 and 12 Pesetas having been withdrawn, are good property. The 12 Peseta when first issued on the 10s. De la Rue type, was sold at about £3, but is now obtainable at much more reasonable quotations at which it is well worth buying; the 3 Peseta, K. G., is also another very scarce stamp in either printing and is probably still undervalued.

3d. Blues.

One of the recent surprises has been the issue of a 3d. denomination for Gibraltar in blue. The 2½d. blue has been withdrawn, and as the script paper variety has had a very short life, it will probably be good.

Grenada and perhaps one or two other Colonies are likely to issue a 3d. blue stamp in the near future. This new Grenada stamp is expected to be released by the Crown Agents in London at an early date.

The 3d. Bahamas on yellow, without overprint has turned out a good little

stamp, and will doubtless have a jump in the next catalogue, already some dealers are asking 5s. for it. Used copies of the 5d. Special Delivery of this Colony are also worth acquiring as they are scarce. The first local printing of these stamps was issued in Canada, and copies with the Canadian Postmark are really rare.

Inverts.

Quite a number of Colonial stamps have recently appeared with inverted watermark, but these cannot be considered as errors. The practice formerly was to pick out and destroy any sheets printed in this manner, but the last few years, probably for reasons of economy they have been allowed to be issued in the ordinary way and are consequently much more frequent.

Philatelic Magazine.

FROM OSCAR T. HARTMANN.

The Crusher, a trade magazine, from Chicago shows two designs of pre-cancels, June, 1921, and October, 1921. How can you tell? Answer: When you have the entire envelope and marked with date, when you receive it.

The Canadian theater tax tag or coupon are used with the admission together. There are many different ones. Now I wonder if anyone has kept our movie show admission tickets. They show admission and tax together and are really so-called tax-pays. May be we will be hunting for them in ten years or so.

The new Postal Union regulation is that if any shortage is on any foreign mail the minimum charge must be 6c. So do not accept circulars etc., for they are generally not worth the 6c postage due.

Have you kept foreign entire envelopes? In the last few years, since 1914, foreign mail shows quite an increase in the rate and many different values can be found on the envelopes and postal cards.

There are about 30 varieties of Canadian match labels 1, 3 or 5 cents. Some may be getting scarce in a short time.

OSCAR T. HARTMANN.

A BUSY TIME AHEAD.

One of the new issue dealers says that the distributions for the next few months "promise to be very heavy ones." We suppose that medals are still struck off to commemorate anniversaries of historic or other interest but it seems as if stamps are a most popular means of signalling days and deeds. That Bermuda set to celebrate the "tercentenary of establishment of representative institutions" is a tribute to the resourcefulness of the postal authorities. The thread seems a rather slender one on which to string an issue but collectors are not so critical of the motive of issue as they were when the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps was in full swing, an organization that interdicted among other issues the Greek Olympian Games set, now one of the most sought-after sets.—Postage Stamp.

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varieties, designed by Vurtheim, which are remarkable in the variety and type of their perforations 13, 13½ and 14 single line machines, with comb machines giving perforations 10½x10 and 12x12½. The initial values of these stamps being placed on sale in October 1867. The initial values were 20, 25, and 50 cents. The year 1869 saw the introduction of the low value 1 and 2 cent values for newspapers and printed matter, values of ½, 1½ and 2½ cents subsequently being added to the series and the 1 cent subsequently being changed from black to green.

After the Franco-German War in the year 1872 a revision was made in the postage stamps of Holland and surface printing introduced; the new stamps ranging in value from 5 cents to 2½ gulden, bearing the truncated head of the king with the national arms in the upper corners, the steel engraving of this issue was carried out in Berlin, but the actual printing, as before, was done at Haarlem. 1875 saw the introduction of the 12½ cents, whilst in 1876 special newspaper stamps of ½, 1, 2, 2½ cents were brought out.

After this last issue we have a rather long wait for a new issue the next being made on the ascension of Queen Wilhemina to the throne, whose head was reproduced and adapted to the existing frame design. Bi-coloring was introduced in this issue, which was made in 1891, the high values being printed in two colors as also was the 50 cents from 1896 onwards. In 1898, on the coronation of the Queen a small supply of 1 gulden stamps was placed on sale with an up to date photograph of Her Majesty by Prof. Stagg of Amsterdam.

In 1899 owing to it is said to the defects in the lettering of this issue the 1 g. stamp was re-engraved. The denominations from 3 to 50 cents were surface printed in a smaller design, being engraved by M. Eugene Mouchon, the border being added by an engraver in the employ of the printers.

To come right within living memory of even the younger collector, in 1906 a set of special stamps were placed on sale in aid of the Prevention of Tuberculosis Society of Amsterdam. In 1907 another special issue will be remembered, that of the Admiral de Ruyter, series, in honor of his ter-centenary. Some of these were later converted into postage due stamps in order to make use of them.

Another six years elapse until 1913 when another special series of postage stamps were issued in honor of the Orange-Nassau dynasty, the entire series being engraved by M. Bazel of Bussum and printed in Haarlem from Line-engraved plates. Another 1913 issue was that of the "Armenwet" over-print for official correspondence.

The latest Dutch Postal issues are associated with the elements of air and water. A futurist design by M. C. Libeau showing a gull flying low over the waves was brought into use early in the present year, in connection with the air post. Registered correspondence for overseas has likewise its special stamp today, inscribed "Drijvende Brandkast."

Just stop for a minute and figure out in how many ways West Want Ads can help you.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—By Leslie Hart.

The Stamp Shoppe had an unusual auction February 24 when they sold a large accumulation of stamps to settle up an estate. The auction consisted almost entirely of U. S. stamps, and the unusual feature was the large number of wholesale lots of 1857-1871 issues. Some of the prices realized are as follows:

5c 1847 red, canc. \$5.25; same black, canc. \$5.25; another, lighter shade blue, canc. \$5.00. 6 copies 5c 1847, fair to poor condition \$10.25. 10c 1847, very fine, \$21.50. The set of 1847 reprints brought \$4.50. 36, 3c 1851, including two pair, brought \$4.25. 20 copies 1c No. 42f sold for \$3.25. 2, 12c 1861 sold for \$2.75. One lucky buyer obtained a 90c 1861 for \$4. 15, 1c 1869 were sold for \$7. 4, 12c 1869 went at \$5.50. A 90c 1869 with a thin spot brought \$10.75. 5 copies 7c 1871 brought \$5.50. 4, 7c 1873 sold for \$4.20. An unused \$4 Columbian brought \$5. The double error, perf. 10, brought \$10. 10 double 5c error, perf. 11, sold for \$7.00. An unused block of 90c 1890 was sold for \$7.10. Departments, if in good condition brought about half of catalog. A 4c first issue playing card brought \$5; a \$20 probate, \$14; a \$15 mortgage, \$3.25

To give an idea of the number of stamps in the sale, there were 10, 5c 1847; 4, 10c 1847; 35, 10c 1857; 18, 12c 1857; 60, 10c 1861; 39, 12c 1861; 38, 30c 1861; 5, 90c 1861; 18, 5c 1862; 21, 24c 1862. The 1869 issue was represented by 25, 1c; 15, 6c; 17, 10c; 21, 12c; 19, 15c; 24c, 5 copies; 5, 30c; 2, 90c; 18, 90c; 1871-73, 20, 90c 1888, and so on down the line.

The next sale held by the Stamp Shoppe early in March, contains a 24c 1869 inverted center, and a 2c Pan-American inverted center; 24c, 30c and 90c re-issue 1875; 2 copies of 1c 1851 type 3 (No. 32); a \$5 Prop. 5th issue revenue.

Last WEST gave a report of the Bureau of Engraving that was of interest.

Compared with the fiscal year, June 30, 1920 to June 30, 1921, there was an increase of 5.79% in deliveries of postage and parcel post stamps, an increase of about 75% in customs stamps, a decrease of 22.13% in internal revenue stamp deliveries. The face value of all the sheets delivered (including war-savings stamps, bank and federal reserve notes, stamps, bonds, etc.) was \$22,641,563,678.71.

Here are a few items of interest to collectors. There were 2400 \$5, 1917, stamps delivered to the P. O. D. There were 234,180 Parcel Post and 779,400 P. P. Dues of all values delivered to postmasters. Fifteen copies of 75c Parcel Post and 15 copies of the 25c P. P. Due were delivered as specimens for postal administrations of Czechoslovakia, Haute Volta, Morocco, and the Spanish zone of Morocco. Specimens of ordinary postage were made at the same time, and, in addition, a set for the official collections of the P. O. Department and the National Museum.

To make you envious, there were 11,000 sheets \$500, 16,000 sheets \$1,000, 300 sheets \$5,000 and 100 sheets \$10,000 Federal Reserve Notes, series of 1918. Each sheet consists of four notes. Wouldn't it be great to collect these in blocks of four?

4,193 sheets of 100 stamps each of 16c air-plane stamps were delivered to postmasters.

Not to forget the Tax Paid collector. There were 621,000 distilled spirits stamps for 1910, overprinted "Class A, non beverage." Also 51,000 distilled spirits, non beverage, series of 1920. There were 719,200 wine stamps, 1916, of all values, 800,000 Documentary stamps 1917, overprinted cigarette tubes. The 1910 strip tobacco and snuff stamps are still being delivered in large numbers, various surcharges of class A, B, etc. Cigar stamps are listed, many being printed on rotary presses.

A comparison of the deliveries of stamps for the past forty-four years is included in the report. A copy may be obtained upon application to the Bureau, or your congressman.

Mr. John W. Grimm of Virginia, an enthusiastic U. S. collector, paid me a visit after attending the auction of the Stamp Shoppe. Mr. Grimm showed me an exceedingly attractive arrangement of U. S. stamps. Each face value was represented by a separate page, all the 1c stamps being together, and so on.

Another album was arranged by portraits, regardless of issue or value. All stamps bearing Franklin's portrait were together, etc.

Mr. Grimm also has a very valuable postage and revenue collection. His first issue revenues lack only the 6c Prop. Most of his postage stamps are represented by unused copies. Another of his side lines is plate number blocks. His latest hobby is Tax Paid stamps. In a very few years he has gathered together quite a large collection of these stamps.

It is understood that the Philatelic Agency recently opened by the Post Office Dept. is doing a rushing business. P. O. D. employes are unanimous in expressing their regrets that Will Hays is leaving the service.

LESLIE HART.

ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS.

To overcome the shortage of small coin which is especially noticeable in the newly acquired provinces, Denmark has created a new kind of postal currency which has recently been issued to the postoffices. Up to the present the people of these districts, as elsewhere, have made use of loose postage stamps which of course soon become dirty and unattractive. The stamp is now inserted in a circular cover of celluloid and is thus converted into a real coin. The matter is very practical even thus far, but in addition the backs of these covers are to be used for advertising purposes by the American Tobacco Company, which has leased the advertising privilege and pays for the manufacture of the covers so that the government does not even incur any expense for them. Thus two flies are killed by the same stroke; the postoffice obtains the desired small change and the American Tobacco Company obtains a very good advertisement. European countries are carrying this postal advertising business very much farther than we do in this country. Of course encased postage stamps are nothing new in the United States, having in fact been invented here at the time of the Civil War.

SIDE LINES OF GREAT BRITAIN REVENUES.—By Oscar T. Hartmann.

I. Lead Stamps. II. Bill or Note. III. Medicine Bands.

I. Lead Stamps.

An an interesting sideline to revenue stamp collecting the so-called Gr. Britain "lead stamps" always appealed to me, although the best recognized Foreign Revenue catalog does not catalog them, because they are not adhesive, but fixed stamps. They have been in use ever since Queen Anne, but as I have no copies of Queen Anne or George I or II, I cannot give any description. George III from 1760 to 1820, got a stamp dated 1797. Various stamps bear the date 1804, but must have been used through many years afterwards, because an attorney's 25£ certificate issued in 1824 bears the imprint 1804. As the embossing die was in use for many years this will explain itself. A 6£ die used in 1816 is just the same as one used in 1871.

As near as I can explain the proceedings of applying a lead stamp is as follows: A piece of lead, a little larger than a quarter inch square, was laid on the document; next a piece about 1½ inches to 2 inches, most of the time heavy dark blue and sometimes a red or greyish chalky paper pasted on top of lead. Then with a knife about a quarter inch square cut out, leaving the lead to show. Now the colorless embosser applied with whatever value needed. Sometimes several values were embossed but not all are lead stamps. The embossing showing on the lead foil in about the middle of the stamp and not easily counterfeited. They pasted on back of document over the place where the lead is to hold it in position an inch square, mostly a black stamp. The only red back stamps I have seen are two of George IV (1820 to 30). There is no real way to tell the year of issue except a round cancellation like 20.6:39 or Chief Office 7. 10 71 shown on top applied to the stamp.

Sometime through the seventieth the colored embosser came in use, which generally shows the date like 29. 10. 77, 3. 3. 00. and makes things easy. Almost any value can be found from IV pence up to £200— like 1 s. 15 p, 2£ 15 sh, 5£ 10 sh, 15£, 3£, etc. On some of the older ones you can find values expressed like VII shillings and under it three shilling on the same stamp or several VI pence on top of each other. Most of the stamps show a control letter A, N, M, etc. The usual run do not show any special use on the embosser still you can find varieties like the upper embossing reading: Duplicate or counterpart, Original stamped with; and lower embossing reading: Two pounds 10 shillings, or; Law Fund, Ireland, two shillings; or Single X Shillings, and on bottom: Deeds, etc. The designs on the embossed stamps are various, but generally a crown on top, in the middle. Also a variety like a Lion on the 30£, thistle design on 15 £, Minerva on the 4£, harp on various Irish values. On the bottom the values and on both sides a branch of leaves. The older the issue or embossing goes, the more interesting they are. The use of these lead stamps is manifold, but you require often the whole document to make out the year of issue. Here is one. It reads: In the King's Bench, Hilarg Term in Fourth and Fifth of the Reign King George the Fourth. Attorney's certificate 25£, dated 1804, but used 1824. An administration paper, surrender of £1000. Fee 30£, and cancelled, London 5,4,54.

Ship Insurance. One for 15£ and one for 20£, cancelled London 7,2,67,P; and 20,6,66,O. Land Deed 1816, Six £. An Indenture: Six £ 5sh, and another for 2£ dated 20,6,39. The only other metal stamp as far as I know is the Canton Vand, Switzerland, 60c. of 1890.

II. Bill or Note Stamps.

These are kin to the lead stamps as many of these were colorless embossed as far back as 1863. Bill of Lading 1857, Foreign bill 1860. All colorless up to the eightieth, as I have from 1881 various designs of Bill or Note stamp, red color embossing. It appears to be getting common to date the stamps after 1850. It is important to remember that all Bill or Note stamps are fixed and not adhesive, because you may come across some Marine Policy 1882, vermillion color, like the bill and note stamps in color. When these stamps are trimmed of the perforation, which habit was quite common, nothing to show except the date, control letter and mark, which are different, but the water mark shows you 4 globes and these tell that the stamp is a Marine Policy.

Not all Bill or Note stamps have these two words on the stamp. Just as many have not. Among the hundred of designs the small oval one-penny die stands out prominent, as this is the one never found as an adhesive although the design is found on Canada, India or Australian checks; first colorless then in color but in use nearly 75 years, but many minor varieties exist. Since 1897 you find quite often on the higher values below the stamp a bar which contains the date instead of on the stamp itself. Almost any denomination exists from one penny up to one £ (pound). Of course a 13 or 14 sh is scarcer than a 15 sh or a 9 sh and 11 sh harder to get than a 10 sh. A 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 pence more common than the other pence values. I have not seen many surcharges, a 5£ in red on a 5£ vermillion; the word, patent over a 10£ stamp, etc. A round grill cancellation over any value with the words, Cancelled stamp in black making the value void is found, but not plentiful.

In collecting these Bill or Note stamps they should be cut square but a uniform standard would be hard to make, as the sizes of designs vary so much. Some collectors are satisfied with one value of each design. Others try to get a year date of all issued of the particular value and design.

III. Medicine Bands.

The first edition of Forbin 1905 has various cuts of the medicine bands, but they are not arranged true. The Gr. Britain revenue catalog by Gilbert & Kohler gave a far better description. Anyway the oldest band was issued in black before 1800, and after that date in vermillion. A cut would explain the design but a crown in center with Duty Three Half Pence and plate number, scroll or ornamental design on both sides with stamp on one end and office on the other end are the characteristic points, printed on laid paper. The words Stamp and Office were used for a long time. In 1823 these words appear in an oval frame and the band is printed in black and red, which has been kept up to present day. In the sixty's the word: Duty was changed Dy., and then back, around 1870 or so. On one series you find the letter C underneath the crown. Finally all later bands have the words: Inland and

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Revenue on the ends. How many to the sheet is the earlier issues I cannot tell. Later ones are 10 to the sheet. Many names of private firms can be found. The 1½ or 3d. are the common values. Higher ones exist.

NEW ISSUE PRECANCEL NOTES.—By Ralph L. King.

Paducah, Ky., is issuing precancels now and I have the 10c Bushnell's type No. 1.

Omaha, Neb., is out with a new type. It is similar to U 16 except that "Nebr." is in lower case.

Elmhurst, N. Y., is a new one into the precancel fold. Have seen only the one cent similar to U 7 except that letters have serifs.

Clearfield, Pa., is a new one similar to Elmhurst. Have the one cent normal and also inverted.

Grinnell, Iowa, is a new one not in the book. Eight cent is all I've seen. Bellows Falls, Vt., 7c is a new one.

Lemont, Ill., is using the one cent precancel. Have seen three.

Zion, Ill., is using the 5 cent precancel now. Would be No. 88 in Bushnell's.

Hastings, Neb., type No. 2 is using 10c inverted and 20 and 30 cent normal.

Manville, N. J., is using precanceled one-cent coils, perf. vertically.

Shelby, O., is using the one cent similar to U 15 except that letters are more condensed.

Racine, Wis., 12 cent U 1 type, normal.

A COUNTERFEIT 2-CENT STAMP.

Close Examination Reveals Poor Work in the Engraving.

New York, Feb. 2.—Counterfeits of the familiar 2-cent postage stamp have appeared for the first time since 1895. One of the new counterfeits came into the hands of a collector here today. It is an engraving—the first on record. Two spurious issues of twenty-seven years ago were typographed.

To the casual glance the counterfeit seems familiar enough, but comparative examination quickly exposes poor workmanship and reveals many points at variance with the original. Washington's head is shorter, the nose has a hook, the eyes seem to glance furtively to the side instead of straight ahead, and there are smears where the genuine has bits of engraving work.

STAMPS OF THE VATICAN.

The death of Pope Benedict XV. recalls the fact that at one time the Vatican issued its own postage stamps. The Papal insignia, as represented on these stamps, consists of two keys one of gold (signifying power), and the other of silver (knowledge), placed saltire-wise, and a tiara with folded bands. The three crowns of the tiara typify the triple dominion of the Pope over the Church militant, purifying and triumphant. The two bands denote the mystical and literal senses. A former Pope, Leo. XII., was an assiduous stamp collector.



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If the price of a stamp catalogues more used than unused always make sure it has a genuine and legitimate cancellation.

Nakichevan is a new nation in Asia. It is a part of old Armenia and is under the protection of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Czecho-Slovak stamps of a new design will shortly be issued to be used on letters sent by aeroplane from Prague to Paris and from Prague to Warsaw.

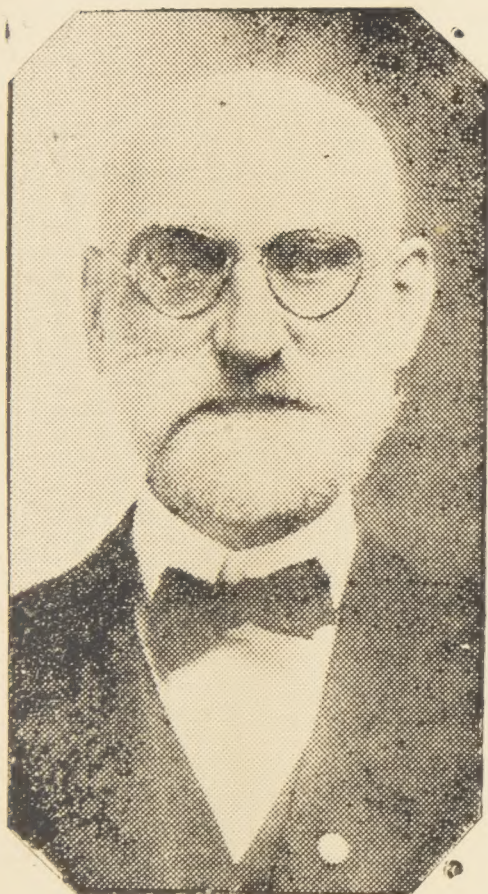
Express thinks that maybe the new peace dollar lacks proportion because the Italian woman on it got swelled up at being put on an American dollar.

A New York dealer recently purchased a set of 43 Hawaiian Missionary stamps for \$65,000. These stamps were supposed to have reposed in an old prayer book for sixty years.

Many of our readers are already taking advantage of the cheapness of price compared with the results of advertising in X column. Note the increase in advertisers this month there. What does this mean to you?

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EDWARD B. STERLING
70 Years Young

E. B. Sterling at 70th Milestone

Edward B. Sterling, of 941 Edgewood avenue, Trenton's mushroom expert, celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth. An active life, filled with many interests, has made him 70 years young instead of old. He is a man of many hobbies, and after office hours spends much of his time in research work, putting in from 12 to 17 hours daily of work and study and leading a life that would tax the strength and energy of many a younger man.

An authority on mycology, Mr. Sterling has found many rare speci-

mens of mushrooms. At the present time one of his collections, that of edible and non-edible tree fungi, is on exhibition at the New Jersey state museum. He is widely known through his work, and has devoted a great deal of time to the subject.

Among his collections that he values greatly is considerable data on the early history of Trenton. He has old manuscripts, deeds and other documents as well as newspaper clippings that tell many interesting facts concerning old Trenton. Many of his papers concern the Stacy Potts family from 1788 to 1818. Any of his material in this collection is available to the newspaper fraternity, and to others interested in the subject, who wish to verify historical facts or to secure information for historical work. Mr. Sterling is always most generous in sharing his information on these subjects with the public or for the benefit of those who are especially interested.

Ever since he was a boy ten years of age Mr. Sterling has been a collector, and has had many interesting hobbies. He is an authority on stamps and coins, and has also been a collector of minerals, shells, antiques and curios. Not only is Mr. Sterling a student, but he possesses literary ability, and is the author of a number of articles on stamps, mushrooms and other subjects.

Mr. Sterling holds a responsible position with the state comptroller, having been connected with the department for the past twelve years. He has full charge of all of the estates filed with the inheritance tax department.

Since 1872 he has been a member of the City Invincibles, acting as corresponding secretary and historian. He is a member of the National Travel club, and in the past has belonged to many of the societies in connection with his collections.

OUR ILLU

A RELIC OF MARCH, 1886.

(Stamp Collecting, London.)

Thirty-six years ago—on March 14th, 1886, to be exact—the steamer "Oregon" was sunk in the Atlantic, taking with it many United States stamps, both unused and on letters. Mr. R. G. Payne, of Felixstowe, has shown us one of the salvaged stamps mounted on a gilt-edged card, on which is the printed form of certificate: "I hereby certify that the above stamp is one of fifty-eight (58) received by me from the steamer 'Oregon,' sunk off Fire Island, March 14th, 1886.—Respectfully, E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., March 31st, 1886." The stamps so mounted include the 10c and 12c of 1851, 5c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c of 1861, 6c, 10c, 12c, 24c, 30c of 1869, and 12c and 24c of 1870, "price \$1 each." Relating to them is the appended cutting from the "Trenton Times" of Wednesday, March 31st, 1886:

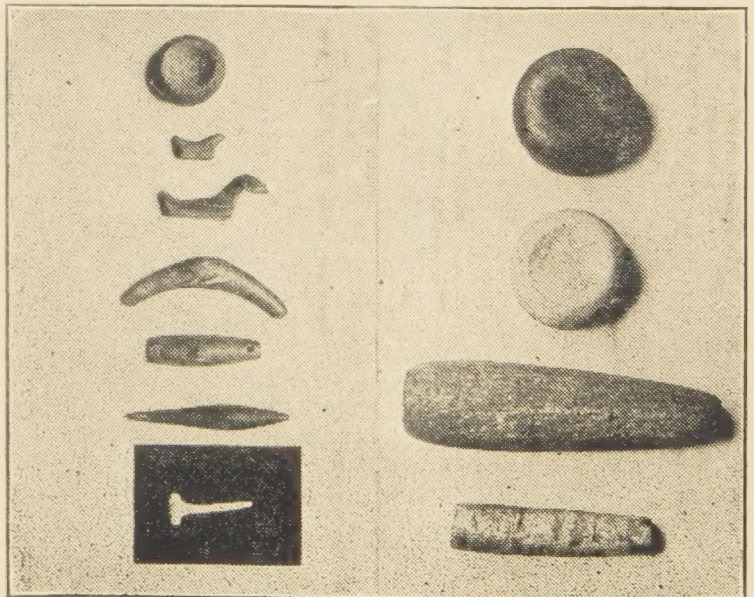
"A curious and interesting document was seen by a 'Times' reporter this morning. It is a printed envelope with the address 'E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., P. O. Box 294,' on it. It had been sent by Mr. Sterling to John G. Payne, Carlos Road, Godalming, England, and was remailed to Mr. Sterling from that place with an importation of U. S. stamps worth about \$25. It failed to arrive in time, and this morning it was received in a water-saked condition. A label on it bears the following: 'This piece is a portion of the mail forwarded from Queenstown, Ireland, per steamer "Oregon."' It was damaged before being taken from the vessel, which was sunk off Fire Island on the 14th inst.

(Signed) HENRY G. PEARSON,
Postmaster, New York.'

"The stamps in it were in good condition, except that all the gum had soaked off the backs, and are now doubly valuable from their history."



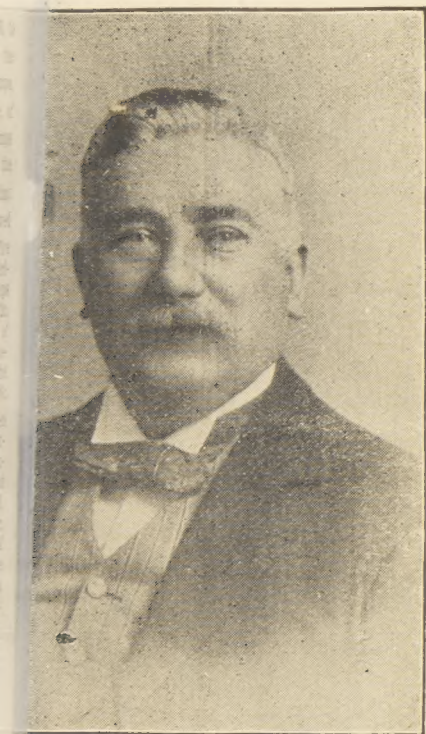
Miss Chrissie Anderson of Washington, D. C., is one of the largest collectors of state songs. Has an immense collection of songs written from every state in United States, patriotic, political and social.—Omaha Posten.



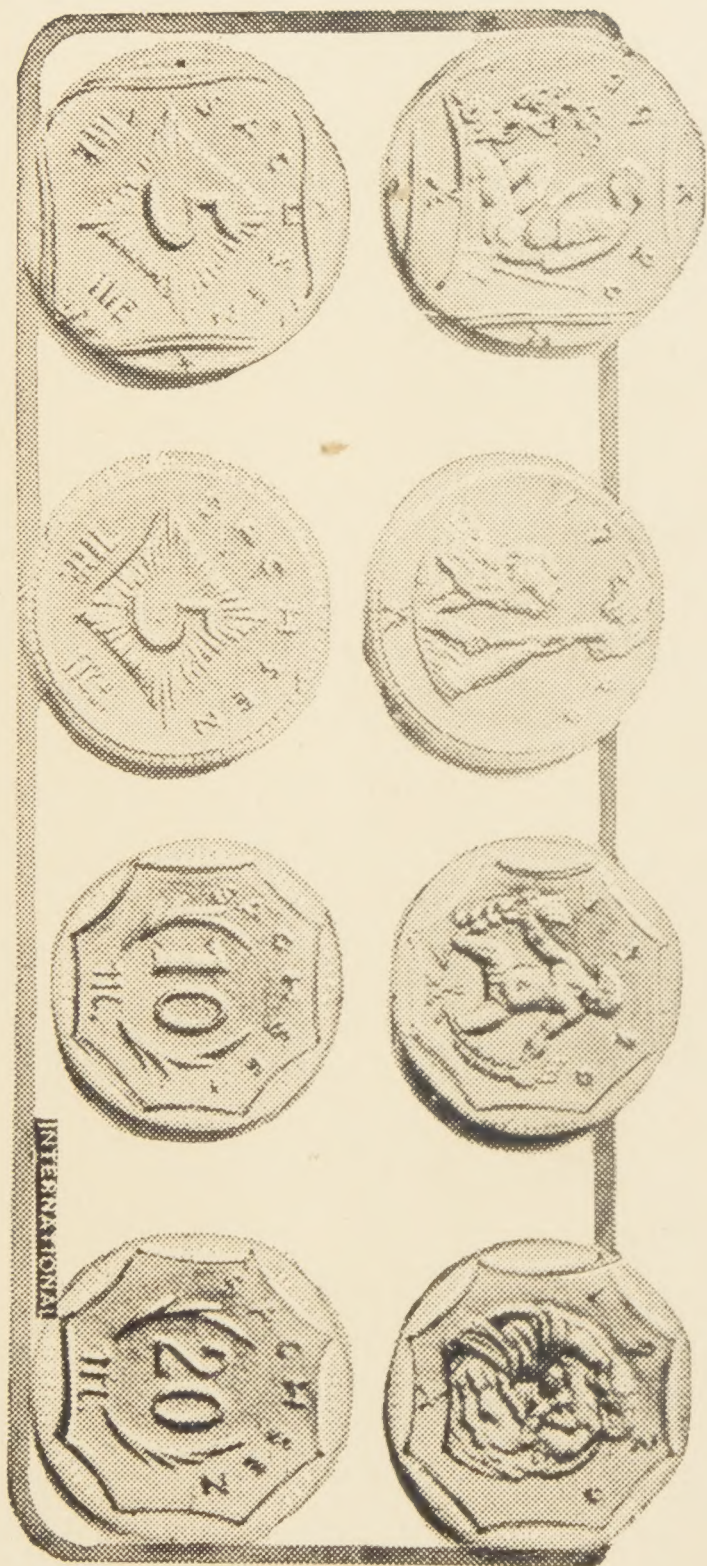
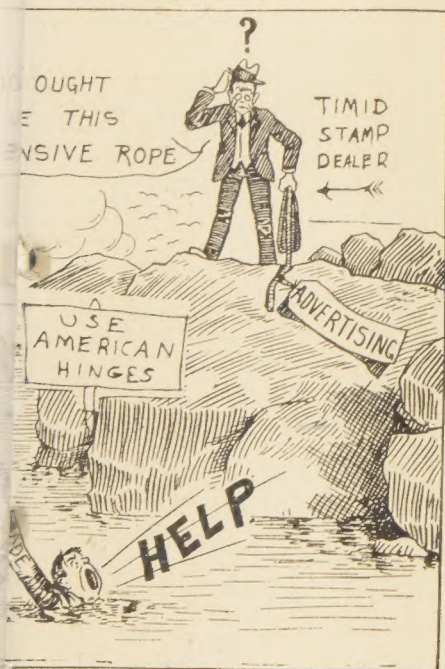
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STAMP COLLECTIONS

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Deceased Stamp Dealer



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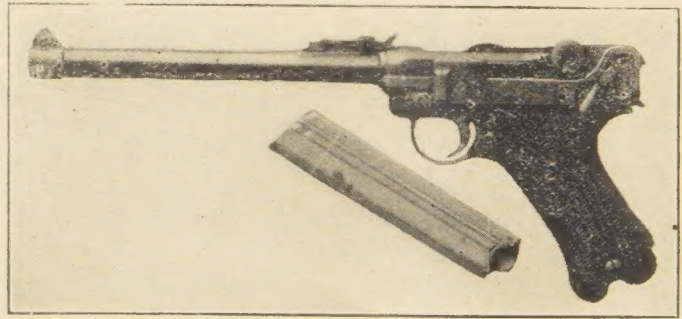
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BY M. SORENSEN.

Let two customers enter a store in Canada, one a Canadian and the other an American visitor. Each makes a purchase of the same kind, let it be a hat, a pair of boots or anything else, the quality being the same, and the price, say, \$10. The Canadian pays with a \$10 note of a Canadian bank and gets his parcel. The American puts down a \$10 note of a United States bank and gets, besides his parcel, \$1.55 in change. There is no difference of any kind, certainly not a difference in price, in the articles purchased. The only difference was in the value of the \$10 notes tendered in payment. The American \$10 note is valued at \$1.55 more than the Canadian \$10 note. Legally the Canadian dollar calls for as much gold as the American dollar, but a situation has been brought about that has thrown a great part of the world's gold on the United States side of the scales.

The 1894 dime, S mint, is more widely known as although there were 24 minted, there is a standing offer of \$1,000 for a specimen. The 1802 half-dime is worth \$825. The 1859 half-dime, while it is rare, does not bring so high a price when offered for sale. The 1799 cent is very scarce. A well struck, uncirculated specimen would readily bring \$1,000. A 1793 cent, Liberty cap, red, recently brought \$720, and the 1793 cent, wreath, uncirculated, \$540.

Some of the German currency used at the present time suggests the mental processes of a certain class of Germans. One issue, consisting of 50 pfennig and 1 mark notes, by the restaurant of the Kaiserhof hotel in Munster, Westphalia, belong to this kind. The notes are exchangeable for food and drink in the restaurant. The face of the coupon presents the picture of a peaceful looking workingman wielding a sledge hammer. The sunburst over his right shoulder is evidently intended to represent the dawn of revolution. On the back of the note a dove may be seen. We might conclude that it was a bird of peace, though the leaves falling from its beak suggest that the symbol is one of hope. Below the dove, in the center of the design, is a blank shield, surmounted by a crown, supposedly for purely ornamental purposes.

When, however, the note is held up to the light, so as to appear as a transparency, the head of the pacifist workman becomes that of our friend, the kaiser, with the crown on his head. An innocently falling leaf supplies him with the familiar military mustache.

This conceit is apparently very popular in Munster and gives the Kaiserof gratifying publicity.

REVOLUTIONIST COINAGE IN MEXICO.—By M. Sorensen

During the last few years Mexico has been making political history at a rapid rate. Old Porfirio Diaz ruled Mexico with an iron hand. When he was driven in exile from his country, Mexico was in a prosperous condition and the country's finances were on a fairly sound basis. But all this was changed in a short while. Unscrupulous leaders appeared on every hand, and in a few months Mexico was in the throes of a seething revolution. The actors in this tragedy were Huerta, Villa, Carranza, Zapata & Co. But as all this is recent history, it is not deemed necessary to repeat it here.

The various issues of both metal and paper money by the Revolutionist leaders were made to raise funds with which to carry forward the revolutionary movements.

The first coins issued by the Revolutionists were silver pesos, cast in sand molds from the ordinary Mexican peso issued before the revolution. These coins were issued in June and July, 1913, and were cast from bullion taken from the El Rosario Mine in the State of Sinaloa, on order of General Rafael Buelna. About 25,000 of these pieces are said to have been cast, but they are very scarce, and very few of them came to this country. The pieces weigh about one-fifth more than the standard Mexican peso, and they all contain more or less gold. Some pieces assayed contained gold far in excess of their face value.

The next issue was similar to the first one, and was by General Juan Carrasco. His peso pieces were also cast in sand moulds, and were issued in the fall of 1913, at Culiacan, Sinaloa. This issue is as scarce as the former one, because the metal value of the coins was in excess of their face value. Both issues are crude and the edges show that they have been trimmed with the file or on the grindstone. And it is barely possible to make out the designs of the eagle and Liberty cap on these pieces.

The so-called Parral set of coins was the first struck money issued by the Revolutionary party. It consists of a 1 peso and 50 centavos in silver and a 2 centavos in copper. Like Zapata's issues in silver it is claimed that the Parral silver coins contain gold. They were struck at Parral, Chihuahua, from confiscated bullion by the aid of re-modelled mining machinery, there being no means of separating the metals. The 2 centavo piece was coined from the trolley wires of the Parral-Santa Barbara Railway, it being necessary to suspend operations on the line on that account.

The 1 peso piece is without any of the traditional Mexican devices, bearing neither the eagle nor liberty cap. Besides the inscriptions the only ornaments are a semblance of branches and beads. But despite its plainness the coin is not without a certain beauty. On the obverse it reads: H DEL PARRAL, and below the date 1913. Rev. 1 PESO.

The 50 centavo piece reads on obverse: 50 CENTAVOS. Rev.: Liberty cap in rays. Around: FUERZAS CONSTITUCIONALISTAS. Below 1913.

The 2 centavo piece has in an inner circle 2 C. Around: FUERAS CONSTITUCIONALISTAS. Rev.: Liberty cap. Below 1913.

(To be continued.)

THE ARMS FACTORIES OF THE INDIANS.

Prehistoric man of America, fashioned weapons out of flint, had as rigid a system of inspection as was used in our munition factories of a few years ago, Prof. Leroy Patton of Muskingum college, New Concord, O., declares.

"Flint which could meet the weapon-making requirements and which occurred in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the savage tribes was not widely distributed," he says. "Neither could a people, who had no other method of transportation than by man power over forest trails or in birch bark canoes on the rivers, transport any great quantity of raw material from the ledges where it occurs to the widely scattered hunting grounds of the tribes."

Methods of ancient munition making are revealed by recent investigations of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, which show that the tribes which once inhabited Ohio, the so-called "Mound Builders," got their supply of flint for their arrow heads, spears and knives from the deposits of flint which occur in the ferriferous limestone of Flint Ridge in Licking and Muskingum counties, Ohio.

A great industry flourished there once. Skilled quarrymen, with a patience difficult to appreciate when one finds that their tools were only hammer-stones of granite or quartzite with perhaps the aid of wooden or bone wedges, worked out the stone from the ledges. Either the quarrymen or another group of workmen then roughed out the blank forms from which the implements were to be made. This was done in order that imperfections might be discovered and pieces having them discarded and also to save the transportation of useless material.

The roughed out blocks were then taken to the workshops in the vicinity of the quarry and expert workmen fashioned from them leaf like blades from which, with but little further work, all forms of arrow points, spear points, drills, knives and scrapers could be made.

In the workshops another industry was also carried on, namely, that of making cores from which flint knives could be flaked. In many instances the knives were flaked out in the workshops. In other cases the cores were transported to different parts of the country and the knives flaked out as needed.

The flint from Flint Ridge supplied savage tribes all over the territory now occupied by the state of Ohio and in many instances far beyond the borders of the state.

"Primitive man's very existence, both in peace and in war, depended upon the possession of these flint implements. It is probable that our great munition factories of a few years ago were not as important to us as was this ancient munition factory to prehistoric man," says Professor Patton.

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Man Who Taught Lincoln to Shoot Wants in Engineers' Society.

New York.—Insisting upon being up-to-date, Christopher Miner Spencer of New Britain, Conn., who taught Abraham Lincoln how to shoot a Spencer rifle, built the first successful motor car in Connecticut, and at 88, is studying aviation, has applied for membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

It was in August, 1863, while superintendent of the Spencer Rifle Company of Boston that Mr. Spencer, who began his mechanical training under his grandfather, an armorer in the revolutionary army, demonstrated his product to Lincoln. About two hundred thousand of his rifles were issued to the union army during the Civil War, after Mr. Spencer had given a demonstration before General Grant and Flag Officer Foote on the latter's flagship two days before the union fleet ran the batteries at Vicksburg.

A CENT ISN'T A PENNY.

There has always been an unanswered mystery as to what becomes of the great quantity of needles and pins and cents. Factories and mints are kept running continuously to keep the supply up with the demand. And then frequently the production fails to keep pace with the requirements.

Ray T. Baker, director of the United States mint, tells that the mints where cents are made frequently run night and day, turning out the "most artistic and beautiful medal ever minted" at an annual rate of 3,750,000,000.

The cent is an industrious worker, as busy as the bee, and ought not to be thrown aside. A hive of them properly directed, will produce a flow of golden honey. The little bronze cent now common to us had its beginning in 1864, when a brother two-cent piece, now discarded, was also coined. One cent, though, dates back to 1786, when an act was passed by Congress, the act being modelled by that wise man, Thomas Jefferson, to coin a cent, 100 of which were to equal a dollar in value, and the 100 to weight two and one-fourth pounds. That was the first use of "cent" in our coinage.

The size and weight has been changed a number of times since, but never the name. Yet for 135 years people have in no small number insisted in calling the cent a "penny," an English term. Mint officials, for a great many years, have tried to eliminate applying the term "penny" to the cent, but have failed.

Director of the Mint Baker says: "They are emphatically not pennies, any more than they are copecks, or farthings or yen." Anyhow, give us plenty of them. What is that about the rose smelling just as sweet under some other name?

Sir Rider Haggard has presented to the British Museum an old ring, believed to have been taken from an ancient Peruvian grave, which first turned his imagination towards the writing of tales of adventure.

COINED A HALF CENTAVO.

A Philippine correspondent says that the United States coin called a half centavo has an amusing history.

In the early days of American occupation the Filipinos were accustomed to adjust their finer financial transactions by making change with a part of a box of matches when the negotiation did not come out on the even centavo.

Our government coined a half centavo piece to meet the emergency and issued 17,734,000 pieces of the diminutive coin. But advancing prices made the piece unnecessary, and the soldiers often showed their contempt for even the whole centavo by throwing it out of the window when they received it in change on the tram.

When it was found that there was no demand for the half centavo they were called in to be recoined into centavos; but there are still, our correspondent says, 10,331,928 of these coins that have not been turned in for redemption. He has not seen one in circulation for many years, he says. Where are they? is his question, which perhaps some numismatist can answer.

Pagodas were silver and gold coins of various kinds and values, formerly current in India. The star pagoda of Madras had an intrinsic value of \$1.80 to \$1.93.

Coins were invented by the Greeks about 650 years before Christ and their use as a medium of exchange spread rapidly all over the then known world.

The first coins were an irregular oblong lump of gold or silver with a head of a Goddess or a symbol on one side and a rough punch mark on the other.

As the art of coinage developed the coins became more circular in shape and between 415 B. C. and 336 B. C. they reached the highest stage of artistic development that they ever attained.

About seven hundred Greek cities issued coins.

The city of Rome was founded about 750 B. C. It grew from a little settlement, and about the time of Christ it practically governed the entire known civilized world.

The first Roman money was issued about 335 B. C. and consisted of roughly cast pieces of bronze weighing about a pound. A few years later silver coins appeared.

It is recorded in Mark and Luke, authorized version of the Bible, that the widow gave two mites. The mite was a Jewish coin worth about one-eighth of a cent. This would make the widow's contribution amount to about one-quarter of a cent.

The fractional currency issued during the civil war was in the following denominations: Three cents, five cents, ten cents, twenty-five cents, and fifty cents.

HAD THEIR OWN MINTS.

California Banks Issued Coins in the Days of the Gold Rush.

Money is always interesting.

And no story of money is more interesting than its transition from the days of '49 to the present in San Francisco.

No chapter in California's early romantic days of the gold lure is more fascinating than those of San Francisco's Anglo-Saxon rebirth, when banks and financial bourses issued their own money and a government thousands of miles away in distance and many months in time complacently permitted the practice.

San Francisco still makes her own money, but now in a United States mint, which has coined close to 3 billion dollars in domestic and foreign pieces since it was established and carries something like 480 million dollars in its vaults. Just now this money factory of Uncle Sam is running night and day turning out 260,000 silver dollars every twenty-four hours.

"For years San Francisco had its own way of doing business of incurring debts and settling them, of handling coin and gold dust and computing values and of defying gold and scorning copper and nickel," said J. Leland Steinman, secretary of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society recently, discussing the early and romantic gold days.

"Because of its remoteness and the astonishing character of its first years of growth, San Francisco was by no means flush of current coin in its pioneer days. Previous to the discovery of gold and the consequent rapid influx of population there was little coin in circulation in California and that little in the towns of Monterey, San Diego and Los Angeles.

"Payments throughout the country were frequently made in cattle, hides and farm products.

"With its Mexican memories it was natural that California should retain many of its old tokens of associations, and it so happened after the secession of Mexican doubloons or ounces and Mexican pesos or pillar dollars were the principal coins in use.

"The original value of the doubloon was \$16, but in San Francisco it was received for \$15.75. After the discovery of gold that metal in its natural state became the currency. Gold dust was the common form in which it was dealt in, and in 1848 and 1849 the bankers' rates were:

"For grain dust, \$15.50 to \$15.75 an ounce.

"Quicksilver dust, \$14.50 to \$14.75 an ounce.

"This was when coin was paid for the dust. When the banks received it on deposit they valued it at \$16 an ounce and repaid it at the same rate.

"Everything was gold. There was actually more of it than people knew what to do with. Bags of gold dust were handed about as freely as cake. The gamblers at the public saloons used them as stakes and guessed at the weight. Men had sublime indifference to the smaller coin and talked indifferently of dust and dollars. There was nothing less received for any service, however slight, than a dollar; for any article however trifling than twenty-five cents.

"The smaller silver coins of whatever denominations and of every country

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were all alike bits and passed for the same value. As for copper money, it was a curiosity and had no value, this kind of money being supposed to cause hard luck for its owner.

With gold matters were quite different. Dust continued to be plentiful, but coin continued to be scarce. Finally the banks took hold, and as the only way to settle the difficulty began the coinage of private gold.

"There were fully fifteen private mints in California which operated from 1849 up to and including 1855. Numerous varieties of private issues, differing in design from the regular United States coins only in trifling minor details that would escape the attention of the casual observer, were circulated by them.

"The best known of these pioneer coins is the quintuple eagle (\$50), or as it is generally known by the euphonious title 'slug.' The first of this specie was issued by Moffat & Company in 1851. This was the octagonal coin, bearing the stamp of United States Assayer Augustus Humbert."

RELICS, ANTIQUITIES, ETC.—Sent by Ralph King. 1,000 YEARS OLD.

Great Age of Book Owned in America.

William L. Richard, former vice president of the American Numismatic society, who acquired two rare books during a trip to China several years ago, has announced, after thorough investigation, his conviction that he has one of the rare books called the Tanjur, or the book of the doctrine of the Tibetans.

After more than a year studying the literature of Tibet and China, he found that the book was printed more than a thousand years ago with movable types at that time unknown in the western hemisphere. Mr. Richard says he has proved conclusively that the Tanjur was printed 700 years before the famous Gutenberg Bible, the first European book printed with movable type.

"About five years ago I came into possession of the manuscript in Sanskrit, or, rather, in Devanagari, which in Tibetan is called the Tanjur," said Mr. Richard. "I came across it in a monastery at the same time that I found the Kanjur at the border of Tibet. As no one there appeared to realize the value of the documents, I had no difficulty in obtaining both of them at a very low price. The only other Tanjur in this country that I have positive knowledge of is in the American Museum of Natural History.

"The value of this rare book is said to differ according to the ink used. For instance, a copy in red is worth 108 times more than a copy in black; one in silver is more valuable than one in red, and one in yellow or gold is more highly prized than one in silver. The Manchu emperor of China, Keinlung, who flourished in 1796, had a copy of the Tanjur which was said to have then been valued at \$6,500."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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NAVAJO HANDICRAFT.

Every nation has, and in most cases, highly valued examples of the handicraft of its ancient and prehistoric forebears. In one instance it is tapestry, in another laces, in still others it is jewelry, sculpture, architecture, metal work and so on—all of them standing out unique in their particular class, and in most cases superior in workmanship and beauty to their modern counterparts.

The Americas, particularly that part occupied by the United States, is favored in the above respect in the handicraft of the North American Indians. This, because of the marvelous skill indicated in much of their work, its barbaric beauty and its absolute dissimilarity to the work of any peoples in the world.

Most prominent among their varied products of bead, metal, clay and textile works is the Navajo blanket; this because of its wider and more varied possibilities of practical utility. It is still possible to secure these blankets woven in all their primitive and barbaric splendor and woven in the same way they were countless years ago.—Stamp Magazine.

THE OLD ATTIC.

The old attic is a most interesting place, filled oftentimes with an assortment of articles that have been accumulating for years—and some of them have considerable value.

Why not sort over these things, discard those that are useless and offer for sale those of value in a Want X Ad?

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CLIPPINGS.—Sent by Frank P. McKenna.

The Pine Tree shilling, the first silver coin minted in the American colonies, brought such affluence to the mint master, John Hull, that he was able to give his daughter her weight in shining coin as her dowry. Their fineness and value were never questioned.

The one-cent pieces were authorized by act of Congress, April 2, 1792. According to the report of the director of the mint, no one-cent pieces were made in 1815 and 1823.

Three thousand gold coins and medals, two small statues, a 16th-century bronze, a sketch by Donatello, and other objects of great value have been stolen from the civic museum in the Palazzo Schifanoia, Ferrara.

A COLLECTION OF INDIAN RELICS TO K. U.

Lawrence, Kas.—Seventy-four specimens of Indian stone knives, arrow heads, scrapers and mauls have been given to the University of Kansas museum by Edward T. Fay of Harris, Kas., a collector of Indian handiwork. Most of the specimens were picked up by Mr. Fay and others near Garnett in Anderson county, in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and the north and south forks of Pottawatomie river.

CITY MUSEUM.

The Hastings Democrat is pleased. The suggestion made at the time of the first proposal of a municipal auditorium that a separate room should be constructed in connection with same specially arranged for a city museum is meeting with popular approval. It is gratifying to note that several members of the city council are strongly in favor of this and are putting forth efforts in this direction. Mr. Brooking, who has one of the very largest and most valuable collections of stuffed animals and birds, of Indian and prehistoric remains in the United States has offered his entire collection for this city museum. It is a splendid offer on the part of Mr. Brooking and our city authorities should lose no time in making sure of this wonderful and most valuable collection.

Mr. Brooking informs the Democrat his collection has attained that proportion that it would more than fill the Denver Museum and those who have seen the wonderful Denver collection can have some idea of the largeness of Mr. Brooking's collection. Mr. Brooking has spent years in research and is one of the best experts in this part of the country in locating and unearthing Indian relics as well as the relics of the cliff dwellers. Sunday after the church hour he drove three miles south of the asylum and located some Indian graves and one mile from this spot located some more Indian graves. He brought back a number of arrow heads he found as well as some other things. Later on he intends to dig into these graves. Last fall he dug into an Indian mound not far from Omaha, and unearthed an entire Indian house with many relics.

ILLINOIS MAN EXHIBITS POWDER HORN WHICH WAS USED IN 1690.

St. Louis.—Jason Humiston, Jr., son of Jason Humiston of Otterville, was in Jerseyville recently with an heirloom of the Humiston family about 230 years old, which was acquired by the first man of the Humiston family in this country.

During the Indian wars of 1690 and 1697, Jason Humiston, a member of the Colonial army, was on scouting duty on the occasion he encountered an Indian. The two men fought and Humiston killed the Indian. On the body he found a beautiful powder horn. In his will be stated that the horn should go to his son, Jason, Jr., and to every son "Jason" of every son of that name from that time on.

THE TRIANGLE OF THE CAPE.

The recent discussion on "Why were the Capes triangular" has brought the novel suggestion from two separate correspondents to the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly in South Africa that the designer, Mr. Bell, who was Surveyor-General, as a surveyor adopted the shape as the emblem of his profession, or that the triangle, used in surveys in a country of vast tracts of land, would be the shape that would most naturally appeal to him.—Postage Stamp.

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OF INTEREST TO COLLECTORS.—By W. Straley.

4327 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

According to press reports, Prof. Henry Woodman of Bristol, Va-Tenn., has discovered something like 800 human skeletons in a cave in the mountains near that city. "The bones were in a cone shaped heap about thirty feet high and eighty feet in diameter at the base, Professor Woodman said, and are thought to be those of Indians. Tomahawks and beads also were found in the cave, which Professor Woodman thinks was the burial ground of Indians several centuries ago. Archaeologists from the several colleges in this section are planning to make a thorough investigation of the cave."

The Milwaukee Journal is authority for the statement that the face of Miss Anna D. Williams has adorned the silver dollar since 1878. Miss Williams is a kindergarten teacher in the Philadelphia public schools. The "peace dollar" will bear a basrelief of Mrs. Anthony Di Francisci, the wife of the well known Italian sculptor.

On January 11, was settled the replevin suit to recover the famous collection of curios presented the city of Kansas City, Mo., by the late Col. D. B. Dyer, which was filed in the circuit court in December, 1919, by Mrs. Ida M. Dyer, the widow, against the board of education. The collection is valued at \$75,000, and consists of thousands of Indian, African, Philippine, Mexican and other curios—which took about 30 years to collect. Col. Dyer was at one time Indian agent in Kansas and the Indian Territory. He died December 22, 1912.

OLD CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC PAPERS SOLD AT AUCTION

New York.—Documents bearing on the dramatic events of 1846-47, which had their sequel in California coming under the American flag, were sold here yesterday at auction. The collection, containing original manuscript papers of old Fort Sutter, and records written at Sonoma, Yerba, Buena, Monterey and elsewhere, had been lost for more than fifty years, and were sold for \$8,450.

The secret of their hiding place was not revealed and nothing was said as to the way they were discovered. When last heard from they were a part of the impedimenta of John C. Fremont's disastrous campaign in New Mexico in 1848.

Among the papers contained in the thirty-nine volumes sold was the original proclamation of Commodore John D. Sloat of the annexation of California by the United States, written aboard the Savannah, his flagship, and dated July 7, 1846.

Other official leaders and reports were the appeal for freedom by the captives of the Sonoma, written by Salvador Vallejo and addressed to Lieut. Edward M. Kern, then in command of Fort Sutter. Thomas Hardy's original bill for the transportation of the captives from Sonoma to the fort; the defiance issued by Jose Castro, Mexican commander in chief of the department of California, denouncing Commander Fremont and his men as a band of robbers, and the original of Revere's "Call all Americans to arms" letter.

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A BIG HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Kansas Organization Ranks Second in United States.

Topeka, Feb. 4.—The Kansas State Historical Society, housed in Memorial hall here, is the second largest state society in America. Only Wisconsin has a larger society, and in some features Kansas outranks even Wisconsin, according to W. E. Connelley, secretary.

The society was incorporated in 1875 "for the purpose of saving the present and past records of our twenty-one years of eventful history." To the newspaper men of Kansas belongs the credit for having organized the association. By resolution later, all Kansas newspaper men are made members without special election.

The administration has carried out the declared purpose of the society in the collection of materials illustrating the history, growth and development of Kansas.

The newspaper section contains a file of every newspaper and other Kansas publications from 1875 to the present time. The society has files of the first newspaper published in Kansas territory, the Kansas Weekly Herald, the first issue of which was dated September 15, 1854. The files of the Kansas Free State Herald of Freedom, and other territorial papers, are complete. Important lawsuits have been decided by these files and students have come all the way from New England to examine them.—Kansas City Star.

THE INCAS.

The news that Sir H. Rider Haggard has just presented to the British Museum a thick gold ring known as the Inca's ring lends topical interest to the Peruvian postage stamps, 1c. of 1896, 1898, and 1909, on which is portrayed the mysterious Manco Capac, the founder of first Inca of the empire of Peru. The Incas were known as "Sons of the Sun," from the myth that Manco Capac was its offspring and that he had come to earth to make men happy. Undoubtedly he achieved much of his high purpose, for he taught the savage tribes to practice the arts of peace, to till the earth, to direct the course of the streams, and the women to spin and weave. He abolished human sacrifice and taught his subjects to worship a Supreme but Unknown God, who manifested Himself to them in the sun, the source of light and life. After a happy reign of some thirty or forty years, he told his subjects that he was going to rest "in the bosom of the Sun his father," and died about the year 1107.

The last of the Inca kings, Atahualpa, was burned at the stake on August 29, 1533, by order of the Spaniard, Francisco Pizarro, who is portrayed on the Peruvian 2 centavos stamp of 1896-8 and the 4c. of 1909.—Stamp Collecting.

DOLLAR WORTH 62,000 ROUBLES.

Moscow.—One American dollar is worth 62,400 soviet Russian roubles under the official rates of exchange approved by the commissioner of finance for Russia.

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CANADA'S NEW NICKEL COINS.

The first Canadian nickels have been coined in the Royal Mint in Ottawa. The press was operated by the Ladies Mary and Elizabeth Byng, grand-nieces of the Governor-General.

* Till now the 5 cent piece has been of silver, somewhat smaller than a threepenny piece, and therefore inconvenient. It has usually, however, been called a nickel in Canada owing to the fact that nickel coins for 5 cents are used in the United States.

PASS GRANT MEMORIAL COIN BILL.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Authority for the director of the mint to direct coinage of the Grant Memorial gold dollar and silver half was granted in a bill passed today by the senate and sent to the house. The measure provides for the coinage of ten thousand gold dollars and one-fourth million silver half dollars.

The historical society of Berks county, Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Reading, has completed the purchase of the first pipe organ built in America. Its construction was commenced in 1776 and completed in the following year. The builder, John Dieffenbach, subsequently built instruments for a number of historical churches. The organ is in the best condition possible and many distinguished players have recently played upon it and it will be given a prominent position in the work "Church Organs of America," shortly to be published. Several historical societies have competed for possession of the instrument and a large offer was received from a prominent New York collector of antiques.

ANCIENT PAPER MONEY.

Marco Polo, the celebrated Venetian traveler, was the first to announce to Europeans the existence of paper money in China under the Moguls. The fact has induced the belief that the Moguls were the originators of it. But in the history of Tchinghiz-Khan, of the Mogul dynasty in China, published in the year 1739, the author speaks of the suppression of the paper money which was in use under the dynasty of the Sung, who reigned in China previous to the Moguls; and he also mentions a new species of notes which were substituted for the old in the year 1264.

The oldest bank-note is in the Asiatic Museum of St. Petersburg. It was issued by the Chinese Government, and dates from 1399 B. C.

EDITOR DROPS A DELICATE HINT.

There is a small matter which some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten. To us it is necessary in our business. We are very modest and do not wish to speak of it.

Want X Ads Produce Results.

Prof E. H. Barbour of Nebraska university museum is exceedingly proud of some specimens of pottery just added to the collection as a result of a visit of Prof. H. B. Alexander to Sante Fe.

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HUNTING CURIOS AND STAMPS IN HAWAII.

A stay of over a year in and near Honolulu should be long enough to locate some worthwhile curios, stamps and coins other than the recent curio stores display for the temptation of the tourist.

The three principal crops of this island of Oahu are sugar, pineapples and tourists. Of these the tourist crop is the most assiduously cultivated and the yield is better for the time and amount invested. It may be that most of the worthwhile relics etc, have been gathered and either rest in collections or have been carried away by the ardent tourist but of this I am sure that with all my efforts I have failed to find anything "which looks good to me" in all my search. I have visited out of the way stores, made inquiries of natives and old residents and searched over likely grounds but I have the first coin, stamp or Hawaiian relic to see outside of the stores which specialize on the more modern manufactures made for the quick coin of the tourist. Every one who travels knows the brand and all that is needed is a change of name of some other city for that of Honolulu and you have the shell souvenir or the beaded bag or the doll or numberless other valueless in intrinsic worth and made only for quick sales.

There is one thing native however which attracts much attention and the making of which is said to come down from the old Hawaiians and that is the use of the various seeds and tree beans in making purses, belts, hat bands, leis, etc. With the various colors found beautiful combinations are made up and the articles thus made by stringing these and making in different colors and designs are very attractive and useful also. There is a red seed found in a long pod on some of the trees, which makes up beautifully and the appearance of them is much like brilliant red, polished beads. These are much used to mingle with the duller shades of brown and "Job's tears," also much used.

As to stamps. Several collectors have good collections and a few have duplicates for sale or exchange. But for the most part one must depend for supply of wants on the made up sheets in the different curio stores. There are numbers of places where a few sheets are displayed but the price is about catalogue or higher as most of the ones sold are to those who do not know prices or who do not care so long as the stamps of Hawaii are on the sheets. I have seen no others offered anywhere.

Recently there was an exhibit at the Central Y. M. C. A. where several good collections were shown most of them general in character. Time was too short for me to examine except through the glass as I looked in the cases and it happened that the man in charge was out at lunch when I visited. There were several prizes offered for distinctive features of the display but I saw no prize list published or posted.

Quite a number of the soldiers are interested in stamps also and I see occasional packets and approval selections going through the mails for them. I have tried often to get in touch with some original sources of supply on the Hawaiian stamps but have found none whatever and the ones I bought were from a collector who also does a small sales business. I paid him more than catalogue prices.

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As to coins. The only specimens seen are the ones made up in jewelry unless you are lucky enough to find one occasionally before it is mounted. I bought recently a 25 cent piece of 1883 for 50c which seems to be the price asked by all dealers who happen to have any on hand. The 10c piece is held for 40c but of these I have seen only one not mounted.

There are fewer coins of other countries to be found here than any place I have seen. Everything seems to be strictly U. S. and all the Hawaiian coins have been taken out of circulation. On P. O. stamp windows there are always odd coins drifting in everywhere else I have been but here I have seen but four coins of any other country and they were brought in by men from 27th Inf. who served in Siberia and Manila, P. I.

In another article I will tell something of the burials here in the caves of the mountains and of a visit there.

Anyone sending postage I will be glad to give any information I can about matters I can furnish data concerning.

L. C. GULLEY, Schofield Barracks, H. T.

COIN NOTES.

Latest newspaper reports state that it now takes 200,000 Russian rubles to purchase a U. S. dollar. A week ago the Publisher received a post card from Russia, franked with 4 of the new 100-ruble yellow stamps. At the latest exchange rate it would take 4000 rubles to convey the card. The nominal value of a ruble is 50 cents.—Int. Post.

The decorations awarded the unknown soldier on armistice day were: Croix de Guerre, Belgium; Victoria Cross, England; Medal Militaire, France; Croix de Guerre, France; Legion de Honouer, France; Gold Medal for Bravery, Italy; Virtutae Militara, Roumania; War Cross, Czechoslovak Virtuti Militan, Poland Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, American Legion, Society of Foreign Wars, American Ambulance Corps, Pennsylvania National Guard.

HIDDEN SEAL OF CONFEDERACY.

Washington.—Whereabouts of the official seal of the Confederacy, an unsolved mystery for more than half a century, probably will remain unknown. James Jones, aged negro employee in the Senate office building, said to be the only person with a knowledge of where the seal was buried, died yesterday without disclosing the secret.

How much war trophies are actually worth depends on whose neck was risked to get them. John G. James' room in an Omaha, Nebr., boarding house was rifled of all his A. E. F. souvenirs from a medal-laden belt captured from a German major, iron crosses picked up from the battle fields, the gas mask he had used in many battles, Red Cross bags containing shrapnel extracted from his wounds, a silver cigarette case taken from a German prisoner, to his American Legion button. He told the court they were worth \$10,000. But the law only compelled the landlord to pay \$50, because the trophies were in a suitcase at the time they were stolen.—Nebraska Paper.

GENERAL PERSHING COLLECTION.

A second consignment of Filipino implements and wares, collected and donated by General Pershing, has been received by the University of Nebraska. As soon as room can be made by the removal of other material, the Pershing collections will be installed in cases for the inspection of the public. The new consignment comprises the following:

One hundred and fifty swords representing every make and every tribe of Filipinos. The handles of some are of silver and others are of curiously carved ivory, horn and wood. The scabbards differ from those of silver, elaborately wrought, to carved wood, woven rattan, palm leaves and the like. Of especial interest is a select lot of about forty long shafted steel-pointed spears, the shafts being variously decorated by silver ferrules, braided silver wire, braided rattan and bamboo.

The consignment includes a unique collection of some twenty large mats, measuring 10 by 12 feet. These are skillfully hand woven and are beautifully and brilliantly colored. The collection is so unusual that an attempt will be made to find wall space on the campus, in order that the entire set may be displayed for the benefit of the public.

In the assortment are four heavy, richly ornamented cast brass native cannons called lantakas. Musical contributions consist of two complete native musical instruments akin to tubiphones. Each set consists of eight or ten heavy cast brass gongs. The brass gongs are 18 inches across and weigh twenty to thirty pounds, the other gongs varying in size and pitch. It is seldom that full sets of native tubiphones are seen in museums, included also, are 200 native daggers, kris, serpentine kris, broad-bladed borangs, and beheading swords. The most elaborate pieces are the cast brass helmets and coats of mail which are inlaid with other metals and engraved.

A similar collection was donated by General Pershing in December.

IRISH PLAN NEW MONEY AND STAMPS FOR FREE STATE

Dublin.—Proposals for a new Irish currency and Irish postage stamps are being discussed by the Free State authorities.

Banking circles here are said to be strongly opposed to any alteration in the currency, saying that it will hamper trade and cause complications with another fluctuating "foreign exchange"; but national sentiment may sweep these objections aside. Some predict that before the end of the year Irish printing presses will be turning out Irish treasury notes.

Reckoning by pounds, shillings and pence will doubtless continue for some time, and English silver and copper will continue to circulate; but it is anticipated that the Free State will adopt the decimal system of coinage.

As for postage stamps, the proposal is that Ireland shall content herself for the present by an arrangement with Great Britain to print a surcharge inscription, probably consisting of a shamrock or harp, combined with the word "Erin" in Irish characters upon the face of the stamps now in use. Later, the Free State will design its own stamps, and they are not likely to bear the English king's image.

DOUBLE-HEADED COINS.— By E. D. Keontz.

I note in *The Philatelic West* of last December an inquiry concerning a "Double-Headed" nickel. I have come in contact with a number of such coins, upon a close examination it will be found that in almost every case these coins are made by electric brazing or welding which is done by reducing two coins to exactly half-thickness after which the two tail pieces are brazed together and likewise the two head pieces thus making what appears to be a double-headed or double-tailed coin.

A few months ago I visited a State Archives and History Department, among the various exhibits was a small and poorly classified coin collection, one coin noticeable in this collection open for nation-wide inspection was a nickel and a penny labeled as a curiosity being the double-headed type, by close examination the joints in these coins were easily detected and as in most cases are neither mint errors or mint trial pieces, but a clever piece of brazing easily performed by any good electrician, and are of no practical value to a collector, but during the days of "John Barleycorn" were very handy for matching purposes to win the drinks—"Heads I win and tails you lose."

The defacing of minted coins by this method would probably be a violation of law under the head of defacing money.

HUGE FOSSIL DISCOVERED.

Thought to Be of Mammoth 250,000 Years Old.

Curtis, Neb.—A huge fossil, thought to be the largest ever discovered in America, has been unearthed on the farm of John Korte, near here. Denver scientists say the fossil was a mammoth and probably roamed over this continent 250,000 years ago. It is in a good state of preservation.

BULGARIAN POET IS DEAD IN SOFIA.

Maitland Milliken says: Ivan Vazof, Bulgaria's national poet, has just died in Sofia. One of his poems was dedicated to the late Theodore Roosevelt. A series of 6 commemorative postage stamps, i. e. 30, 50 statinki, 1, 2, 3, and 5 levas was in 1920 issued by Bulgaria in his honor. Refer to Scott's 1922 catalogue for illustration of these interesting stamps.

MORE INDIAN RELICS TO K. U.

Lawrence, Kas.—A new collection of Indian relics has been received at the University of Kansas museum from Edward Thomas Fay of Harris, Kas. The relics just received include a fine group of arrow and spear heads, stone hammers and paint pots.

NEW CANADIAN NICKEL.

Ottawa, Ont.—A new five-cent nickel for Canada has just been minted at the Royal Mint here. Of pure nickel the new five-cent piece will have a diameter of .835 of an inch and be of seventy grains in weight. The new coin will be issued as requisitioned, the older coin remaining in circulation.

INQUIRIES

Questions on stamp matters must be sent to the editor of this department. It is to your benefit as well as ours, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. Remember this and also don't forget the small fee of 2c that is charged to cover expenses. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Give a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you de-

Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them. All questions of general interest will appear in the WEST just the same.

B. F. Case, East Granby, Conn.:—You will undoubtedly find a ready sale for the first volumes of "The Philatelic West" by advertising them in this same journal, as many collectors like to complete their files of collectors publications. Or try to write Mr. A. H. Pike, Index Service Co., Station G, Buffalo, N. Y. I am almost certain that he will buy them.

John Czerwicz, Holyoke, Mass.:—I am not a stamp dealer; neither is the publisher of the "West." But you will find a good many advertisements of stamp dealers and stamp collectors in "The Philatelic West," and if you have stamps to sell, you can readily find names and addresses of stamp buyers by studying the columns of this magazine.

M. S.

Q. What was the issue of paper money that bore the picture of a woman?

I. M. C.

A. The only bill bearing on its face the portrait of a woman is the one-dollar silver certificate of series 1886 on which the picture of Martha Washington appears.

Q. When was the coinage of nickel cents discontinued, and how many of these were minted?

D. T. R.

A. By act of April 22, 1864, the coinage of nickel one-cent pieces was discontinued. The total amount coined was \$2,007,720.

F. C. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.:—As you did not give your street address, I can not write you direct, or I would have done so. Therefore I take these means of answering your questions here.

No. 1. As I am unfamiliar with Hindoo and Arabic characters, I can not place this coin. It is Indian or Turkish, but which I can not say.

No. 2. This is an English shilling, quite rare, worth about \$1.50.

No. 3 is the common Vermont copper token.

No. 4 is 1-12 of the old German dollar. This coin was issued by the dukedoms of Brunswick and Luneburg. Whenever you see a galloping horse on a coin you may know it is from Brunswick.

No. 5 is a German "Dreiling," meaning "one-third" of a German "schilling" or penny.

No. 6. The rubbing is not clear enough to see the shields on the coin, but I think it is an old French or Italian piece.

M. S.

MY DEN.—By William Elliott, Findlay, Ohio.

When I wore knee pants I used to go along the Sandusky River at Fremont, Ohio, where I was born, gathering pretty stones till I had my pockets full. Mother used to say if I didn't quit it she would sew my pockets shut.

Then when I was 13 years old we moved in the country south of Bellevue, Ohio, where I used to find quite a few arrowheads but never many perfect specimens. Then after I had collected a wife and three children the old fever of collecting odd things came back to me. I started in about three years ago to make a collection of any interesting thing that took my fancy. My wife would put me upstairs, then downstairs and around the house with my things until she saw that I was so absorbed in them that she finally gave me a room downstairs for a den and I call it my Wonderland. I have it chock full of Curios of Land and Sea. Walls hung full, cases on floor, stands and tables. My wife says she always knows where to find me as I want to live in my den all the time. At first she didn't like it but now she tells the neighbors she always knows where her husband is. She sometimes buys me some curio for a birthday or Christmas present. I began to get a good many duplicates of things so I launched into the selling game and that way make a little which I expend in enlarging my collection.

I make a good many cases myself by getting boxes and making cases to hang up by making glass lids for them and then I pick up small show cases at the second hand stores. I also have two desks in the room, a typewriter desk and a roll top one. Have a printing press also in it to take care of my needs in that line.

Going around the room, starting from where I sit writing this you will find: Case of sponges as they grow in the sea, above it frame of arrowheads, frame of butterflies, next cupboard of shells and books on shells, curios, etc., case of curios, then table with two show cases of shells and fish, above mounted butterflies, framed pictures of Foreign covers, wall case of different kinds of star fish, one of small curios, then stand with mounted owl and case of Indian relics and petrified wood, then on wall framed picture of paper money and one of stamps. Hornets nest hung from ceiling, flags of several nations, some mounted arrowheads, another case of shells, home made cupboard of supplies with curios on top, above it case of corals, then shelf of Indian relics, next desk, above it frames of street car transfers from all over the world, framed foreign covers, Chinese calendar, war relics, then case of war medals, printing press, then mounted Indian relics, framed picture of eight Indian chiefs, one of fish of odd species, and back to my typewriter desk. The desk drawers are full of things I am not able to display out, such as money from all over the world, paper and metal, stamps and small shells, foreign journals and correspondence, butterflies, supplies, etc. Have missed a few things and as the sale bills put it, too numerous to mention. Have also a closet full of things that I have duplicates of. I extend all the readers an invitation to visit me when in Findlay.

(See engraving on first page of cover.)

MONEY IN MARK TWAIN'S WORK.

A Single Edition Is Valued at More Than \$200,000.

The highest price ever paid for a single edition of any author's work was recorded when New York dealer in rare books, recently bought from the publisher a new definite deluxe edition of Mark Twain, valued at more than \$200,000.

From the sale of this edition alone Mr. Clemens's estate will receive more money than the writer of a "best seller" of the day receives from the sale of 100,000 copies. This royalty, added to the extraordinary returns on the popular editions of Mark Twain, make his earnings the greatest recorded for any author. Were the late H. H. Rogers alive, he would see vindicated the judgment which led him to say after Mr. Clemens had failed disastrously as a publisher, "Mark, you write; I'll underwrite," and to provide the financial backing which enabled Mark Twain to go on with his writing unhampered by debt.

The new edition's value is enhanced by autographed title pages done by Mr. Clemens a short time before his death. Introductions written especially for this edition by a number of famous authors give an additional literary value to it.

SOME KANSAS CITY, MO., COLLECTORS.

The Kansas City, Mo., Journal of January 22 contained an interesting article anent the "Priceless and Unique Curios Owned by Collectors in Kansas City." The following paragraphs will present some of the collectors and their collections:

The first, Mrs. M. V. Barber, 6 West Armour Blvd., has established quite a museum at her home, which contains many rare specimens of furniture, books, glass, silver, china and pewter gathered in England, Ireland, Scotland, Holland, Belgium and China.

Mrs. W. B. Thayer's hobby is collecting oriental silks, brocades, tapestries, also prints, glass and china.

Another private museum is owned by Mrs. J. L. Loose, Walnut street and Armour Blvd., where one may view many choice specimens of Chinese and Japanese art, tapestries and brocades.

The head of the English department of the Northeast High School, Kansas City, Prof. E. D. Phillips, has a collection of walking sticks, many of which have interesting histories. There are some sixty sticks in the collection.

A priceless autograph collection is owned by Mr. Carl Busch, composer and director. The collection contains letters and cards from prominent musicians the world over—some dating back as far as 1811.

An old-time collector and dealer and former contributor to West has entered the dealing field again in the person of Frank C. Young of Derby, Conn. He has promised some interesting offers to our readers for the next issue.

GRANT MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

One of the outstanding figures in American history is Ulysses S. Grant, who served his country during the supreme crisis, The Civil War, and also as its President for two terms.

He was born just one hundred years ago and a celebration, national in scope, will take place during April at Pt. Pleasant, Bethel and Georgetown. President Harding, Gen. Pershing, Senator Willis Senator Pomerene, Grant's son and other notables have expressed their willingness to take part.

Coins and medals are being struck for the occasion and will be on sale at all banks in the state. The coins are Gold Dollars and Silver Half Dollars and are especially designed for the occasion, bearing the portrait of Grant in military costume on one side and the Cabin in which he was born on the other.

This Cabin is now viewed by thousands annually at the Ohio State Fair Grounds at Columbus, where it has been placed under a large glass house. Prior to its present location it had a varied career. It first housed the baby who during the trying times of the secession proved to be the man for the occasion and who was instrumental in bringing about peace. This Cabin was President Grant's home during the first year and a half of his babyhood. The family then moving to Georgetown.

After Grant's death the cabin was sold to a show man who placed it on exhibition under a tent in the larger cities. Older residents of Cincinnati will probably remember this exhibit at Canal and 13th St. about 1886. Later the Cabin became one of the interesting sights at the Worlds Fair Exhibition at Chicago in 1893.

It was purchased by Henry Chittenden of Columbus about 1898, who presented it to the State and has since been located at the State Fair Grounds. It is hoped that the cabin will eventually find its way to its original foundations at Pt. Pleasant.

Grant spent his boyhood at Georgetown leaving there to enter West Point. His family then moved to Bethel, where Grant resided until the outbreak of the Mexican War. He then returned to Bethel where his children were born.

Cincinnati, Bethel, Georgetown and Pt. Pleasant have united in making the Celebration a success. A boat ride on the Island Queen and Morning Star from Cincinnati to Pt. Pleasant will be the opening event of the celebration followed by special features at Georgetown and Bethel.

The Coins, two varieties of Gold Dollars and Silver Half Dollars will be sold for \$3.00 and \$3.50 for the dollars and \$1.00 for the halves. A small medal in bronze is being struck and will sell for 25 cents. A larger medal in bronze to sell for \$2.00 is being considered.

The profit derived from the sale of these coins and medals will go toward building Community Houses at Bethel and Georgetown, a Park at Pt. Pleasant and the building of a good road in conjunction with the State from New Richmond to Pt. Pleasant. When the road is completed, Pt. Pleasant will be accessible to all motorists and it is hoped that this will induce the State to replace Grant's Cabin on its original site.

This road will be called the "Grant Memorial Road," and will connect with the good road from Cincinnati to New Richmond.

The coins and medals should be purchased by everyone and will be distributed through the banks by H. L. Nichols, 1012 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Nichols was chiefly instrumental in bringing the entire celebration about.

AUTOGRAPH NOTES by "Autto Graphe"

The collection of autographs is an ancient pursuit. It is one of the oldest of hobbies, and was pursued by the Romans. There is authentic record of persons carrying "autograph albums" around with them as early as 1436. They requested famous personages of the day to inscribe their signatures in the album. I'd like to have a few of these early albums. Imagine an album with signatures of Raphael, Michelangelo, Titian, Lucrezia Borgia and the like in it!

I see numerous notes in newspapers, magazines, etc. about old bibles, printed in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. It invariably states that these bibles are of extreme rarity and of great value. Piffle—or as Kenneth L. Roberts might assert: "Two over sized piffles". Old bibles are about the commonest of old books. In proportion to the number of volumes printed, bibles predominated. This is easily accounted for in the fact that every family has a bible; and this is by no means a modern pursuit. In fact, if the shameless truth be told, the oldtimers probably had more bibles and read them more faithfully than the inhabitants of the "jazz age". A bible printed in the 16th century may be purchased for \$5.00 up, depending upon condition. Of course, not all early bibles are thus common, there are scarce imprints, rare editions.

Speaking of bibles: Anybody having an extra Guttenberg Bible that they do not care for will confer a favor by presenting it to me. I'd appreciate it very much!!!!

The mail man will not strain his back carrying Guttenberg Bibles to my domicile.

I recently had the pleasure of viewing an A. L. S. of Major-General Edward Braddock, the w. k. British General of the French-Indian War. This was a fine letter, mentioning the first Duke of Marlborough (John Churchill). An Autograph Letter signed by Braddock is a rarity of the rarities. This is the first time I have ever seen one. (No it does not belong to me!)

Mr. George S. Lewis of Kansas City has the autograph signatures of many of the notables who attended the American Legion Convention at Kansas City recently. He has the signature of Foch, Beatty, Diaz, Pershing and numerous others. A cut containing fac-similes of many of the signatures appeared in the Kansas City "Star".

Who remembers Vrain Lucas, the famous French forger of autographs of famous people? Mr. Simon Gratz, in his "Book About Autographs", has a very interesting article about the famous, or, rather, infamous Frenchman. Lucas would supply an autograph letter of anyone. Comte Boisjordan, a collector of the period, (but apparently a very green one) purchased many of Lucas' forgeries. He purchased letters purported to have been written by Boccaccio, Cervantes, Dante, Luther, Montaigne, Alciabiades, Alexander of Macedon, Cleopatra, Pontius Pilate, Anacreon, Julius Caesar, Herod, etc. He even had the effrontery to forge letters of Pontius Pilate; Charlemagne to Alcuin; Herod to Lazarus; Germinius Julious to Jesus Christ; Lazarus to St. Peter; and from Mahomet to the King of France. Can you imagine such credulity? The Count certainly was, as the 20th century Americans would designate him, a "hundred per-cent boob". Personally, I cannot imagine anyone being "damfool" enough to buy anything like these.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

If you want to hunt for an autograph, hunt for a letter of Sidney Porter, "O. Henry". You will have a splendid, l-o-n-g hunt!

Recently viewed a beautiful manuscript, a full autograph copy signed of "Onward, Christian Soldiers", signed by Sabine Baring-Gould, the author. This was a beautiful item.

The subject matter of a letter has much to do with its value. An ordinary letter of Lincoln may be worth \$100.00 or so; one with historical contents may run up to \$750.00 or more. A firm in Boston recently offered a printed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation (one of 50 copies made at the time and autographed by Lincoln, Seward and Nicolay). It was priced at \$1,000.00—which is a lot of money. Quite a lot.

That would nearly buy three of Henry's well-known rattles.

The next thing you know some of these 'idle rich' that a well known New York dealer derides will be buying "the original manuscript of the Ten Commandments". All people are not overburdened with brains. No.

In the last issue of "West" I read an interesting article by Mr. E. R. Vanderhoff. In it, he mentions the passage from the will of Edmond de Goncourt, relative to the dispersal of his collections at his death; that they should not be consigned to the cold tomb of a museum. This passage appears on the cover of every catalogue issued by the Anderson Galleries of New York, the famous auctioneers of works of art, etc.

Furniture from the palace of the historic Savoy family was sold recently at the American Art Galleries. High prices were obtained, many of the items fetching \$1,000 to \$6,000 or more. Mr. William Randolph Hearst purchased some few items, I understand. 15th and 16th century furniture and tapestries are a fine thing to collect to embellish the old homestead with. A bank roll of enormous dimensions is quite essential, however, in the pursuit of this fascinating hobby. Don't believe I'll buy any little knick-knacks at a few thousand a shot—not for some time anyway.

Bishop Bristol of Chattanooga recently sold a portion of his large autograph collection. This included autographs of many of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. It was sold at the American Art Galleries.

Autograph letters of President Chester A. Arthur used to be exceedingly rare. Lately, however, quite a number have appeared—where from, no one seems to know. At any rate, one can procure one quite reasonably, now. Used to pay \$50.00 or so for one; get one now for \$25.00 to \$35.00—a good one.

This month I seem to have delved into several lines. In correcting the manuscript, I notice I have written about autographs, books, old furniture, etc. I fear the title of these notes is slightly misleading; it should read, to be a little more exact, "Hash." However, if it interests you, I'm satisfied.

Did it? If so, send in a note or two about autographs, books, etc. Credit will be given (and that's all; we have no paid contributors!)

I hope to greet you all again next month.

Until then.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Dr. V. V. Smrha, Milligan, Nebr.:—I am sending you a rubbing of a coin, given me by my mother. It was plowed up in a field near my grandfather's mill at Rabi, Bohemia, and appears to be dated 1697. Can you tell me anything about its value for collectors?

Answer:—The rubbing is clear and shows that the coin was issued by emperor Leopold, king of the Germans, Hungarians and Bohemians. (By "Germans" is evidently meant Austria.) It is an unusual coin, not generally listed, and as you do not state what metal it is in, I am unable to say what it might be worth.

M. S.

Mary Williams, Mt. Vernon, Ill.:—Your letter regarding the Confederate \$10.00 note of 1861, "with the picture of the man on it, and his name", is a little uncertain. If you can give more definite details, and mention which issue of "The West" you refer to, it might be possible to furnish you the desired information.

M. S.

Melvin O. Talg, Hustler, Wis.:—The coin in question is a 2 anna piece for India, belonging to the regular coinage for that country. When the coinage of India was made uniform in 1835, the rupee was divided in 16 annas. At first the anna was minted in silver, but these are now very scarce. Prior to 1835 the coins of India were issued either by the native moguls or by the East India Company, which was formed in the year 1600. The directors of this company did not assume the right to issue a national currency for India bearing the company's name till 1835. Coins issued by this company before that year were either imitations of the coins of the mogul emperors or were distinguished as British Indian coins by a lotus or trefoil for the Bengal currency, and a rose for the Madras currency. The rose with five petals formed part of the company's arms. The first coins of the East India Company to bear the head of a British monarch were not issued till 1835. The 2 anna piece of so late a date as 1842 is quite common and is not worth much above face value.

M. S.

S. Larsen, Madelia, Minn.:—How many Peace Dollars were minted, bearing date of 1921?

Answer:—The United States official mint report states that during December, 1921, there were minted 1,006,473 standard silver dollars, new design.

M. S.

F. B. Oley, Bellingham, Wash., reports he has \$3, \$6, \$7 and \$8 paper money bills printed 1775 by Hell & Sellers; also \$1 same date and two shilling of 1776. Want to know what is value of same?

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EXHIBIT OF LINCOLN MEDALS AND SOUVENIRS.

For Lincoln's birthday an exhibit of Lincoln medals and souvenirs was made by John E. Morse in a show window of one of the merchants of Hadley, Mass. There were about 50 Lincoln medals in the exhibit in addition to Lincoln engravings, badges, broadsides and photographs. One of the interesting items was a carving of Lincoln on a walrus tusk. The tusk, which came from Alaska, was carved by a sailor in San Francisco more than 50 years ago. It was bought by a New York collector, then sent back to the Middle West, and finally came into Mr. Morse's possession.—Numismatist.

ANTIQUITIES OF VANITY.

A consignment of eastern vanity bottles 2,000 years old just has reached London. Some were found with mummies of Egyptian women of fashion; others came from a Roman tomb in Nazareth.

They are stibium pots from the toilet tables of vanished beauty. Stibium is a preparation of finely powdered antimony with which the Egyptian women darkened their eyelids and penciled their eyebrows.

Time has made these little vanity bottles very thin and iridescent. They shine with beautiful prismatic tints of rich gold, green, blue, purple and red. When they arrived, they were full of desert sand. Held against the light, they show that a dark deposit has eaten its way into the glass; it is twenty centuries old eye paint.

When it comes to odd businesses, George O. Moon, who lives near Bunce-ton, Mo., seems to lead them all. The Eagle reports that he is an Indian relic collector who has made a profitable business of collecting and selling things that doubtless would appear common ordinary Cooper County stones to most people who don't know. He began with an Indian ax he found that came from Pettis County and was of granite. It was over a foot long and weighed 12 3-4 pounds. He sold it for \$25. Now his price list includes Indian arrows, spears, drills, scrapers, knives, celts, tubes, bird amulets, spades, gouges, hammerstones, pestels, mortars, sinkers, discoidals, plummets, bannerstones, axes and chisels.

The largest blanket in the world is on exhibition at Kirksville, Mo. It was purchased of Dr. George Still for a rug in Nurses' Home connected with the hospital in Kirksville. It is a Navajo blanket and is fifty feet long. The wool in it is all hand picked and hand spun and it took the squaw in Arizona who made it 278 days to finish it. No two designs in it are the same and it tells a long chapter of Navajo history.

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HUNGARY RESTAMPS MONEY.

The Budapest Finance minister has ordered that all money be restamped in order to determine the amount in circulation.

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COLLECTING BANK BOOKS.—By Donald McCue.

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In time, I hope to see several or more readers of the West get this habit. It is one of the best I have ever happened to think of and carry out.

It is understood that the distribution of the 1914-15 Star, the British war medal, and the victory medal, will probably occupy four years. Already 3 million medals have been distributed to individuals or sent to record offices at home and to the overseas dominions and colonies for distribution. This distribution includes 1,400,000 1914-15 Stars, more than 900,000 British war medals, and 80,000 victory medals.

The approximate number of British war medals required is 9 million, and of the victory medals, $5\frac{1}{2}$ million. After deducting the medals already distributed, about $12\frac{1}{2}$ million remain for distribution, and it is estimated that these will be distributed at the rate of 3 million a year.

Barter is still carried on in out of the way places of the world where there is no recognized medium of exchange. Recently a news item from the far North told of an Eskimo selling four of his wives each for a pound of tea and some tobacco. They were bought by fellow tribesmen at the Brochette post of the Hudson Bay Company. By Eskimo custom, the seller may afterward redeem his wives on payment of double the purchase price.

Twenty skins were the average price paid for a wife among the Indians in Ecuador, according to a statement by the famous explorer, George K. Cherrie, and Harold Anthony of the American Museum of Natural History, who have recently returned from a trip in that country. This would indicate that skins are still the current medium of exchange.

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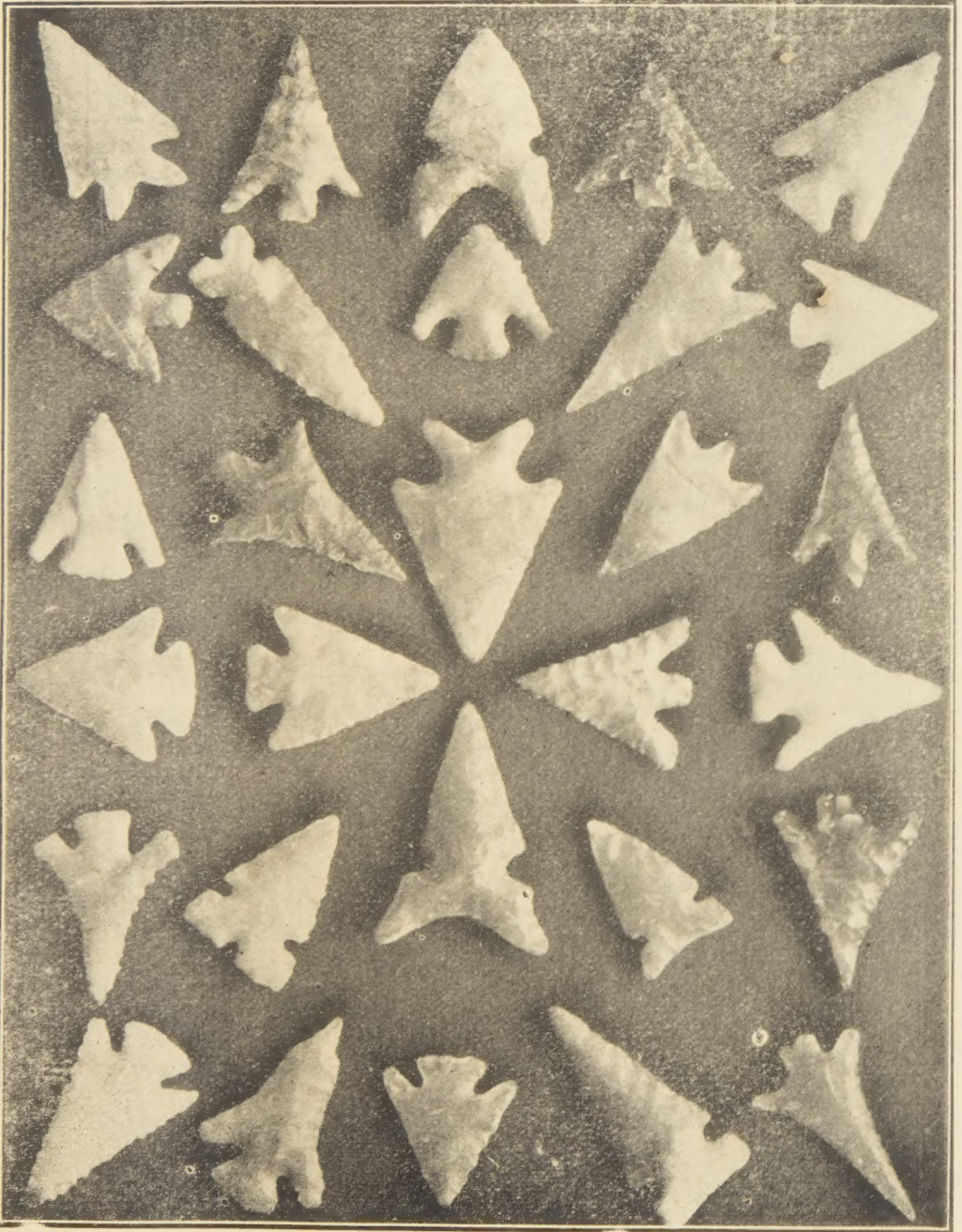
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OUTBID KING GEORGE FOR \$32,000 STAMP.

Is Rarest Philately Gem.

King George of England was a bidder through an agent for the British Gulana postage stamp which recently sold for more than \$32,000 at the auction sale in Paris of the Ferrari collection, but the prize was obtained for Arthur Hind of Utica, according to Mr. Phillips, who is known among stamp collectors as probably one of the largest stamp dealers in the world, also as the author of many authoritative works on philately.

There is more money in America than abroad and that is the reason why King George was disappointed in not obtaining what is acknowledged to be the scarcest of all postage stamps. I feel safe in saying that his collection of the stamps of Great Britain and the British Colonies is the finest in the world.

Mr. Phillips said that for several years he has known of Mr. Hind's collection, which is particularly rich in United States stamps, and gave him credit for doing a great deal toward raising the standard of scientific collecting in this country. Mr. Hind is a manufacturer of Utica. Besides buying the prize of the Ferrari collection, Mr. Hind also acquired at the same sale all of the choicest United States Postmasters stamps, including the unique Boscawan (N. H.) five-cent stamp, on an envelope, for \$11,250; the Lockport stamp for \$8,100, the Alexandria and ten-cent Baltimore stamps for \$6,500 each, and the New Haven five-cent stamp, on the original envelope, for \$5,250. The Alexandria stamp was the five-cent on buff paper, and is one of only three known copies, while the ten-cent Baltimore stamp was on the original envelope.

"The high prices paid for the stamps in the Ferrari sale," said Mr. Phillips, "has had a marked effect in stimulating renewed interest in philately by discriminating collectors and there is already a tendency toward a considerable increase in prices for perfect specimens of early issues. It may interest American collectors to know that just before I sailed, a well known American told me that as he could not compete with the princely book collectors in this country he wished to turn his attention to postage stamps and asked me to assist him in making a complete collection if possible of all the stamps issued by the belligerent nations during the late war.

"These war stamps, by the way, apart from their general interest, have a vital educational value and I believe that, in the next few years, the attention of collectors will be prominently directed in that field. The Marquis of Bute was the first to appreciate the future value of these war issues and has the finest collection in the world."

While many American collectors do not devote such scientific study to the various phases of philately, Mr. Phillips said that the standard was steadily advancing here and he cited Charles Lathrop, president of the American Forestry Association, John N. Luff, Dr. Carroll Chase, William L. Stevenson, Stanley B. Ashbrook and A. Hatfield Jr. as among the prominent American collectors who have devoted thorough educational study to the issues of different countries.—New York Paper.

PRECANCEL NOTES.—By Ralph L. King.

Uncle Sam has made some more precancels for the boys to look for, as follows:

Berea, O., 1c, type U15, normal
 Lemont, Ill., 1c in electro like U14 but more condensed.
 Marshall, Mich., 6c in U1 type.
 Morton, Ill., 1c offset.
 Mt. Morris, Ill., 1c offset, triple strike, purple ink.
 Springfield, 1c offset.
 Ft. Wayne, Ind., 3c offset.
 Kendalville, Ind., 1c offset.
 Newcastle, Ind., 1c offset.
 Dubuque, Iowa, 1c offset U10.
 Girard, Kas., 3c offset inverted.
 Osborne, Kas., 3c perf. 11.
 Morton, Ill., 10c roller like U1, inverted.

Houston, Tex.—Just located a one cent U type No. 1 on perf. 11, inverted.

Akron, Colo.—Dr. L. W. I. Mitchell reports that this town is using the entire set from one cent to one dollar at the parcel post window on all packages. He estimates the value at double face in either mint or unused condition.

Precancel fans are or should be "making hay" with the rotary press stamps perforated 14x11 as they are bound to be quite elusive in a year or two. Quite a few of the one cent can be picked up now but the two and three cent values are hard ones to land. In a recent batch I found the following one cent R. P., Los Angeles, Denver, Bridgeport, Conn., Chicago, rubber roller, Mt. Morris, Ill., up, with purple ink, Peoria, Zion, Ill., South Bend, Ind., inverted, Davenport, Iowa, New Orleans, Boston, both normal and inverted, Battle Creek, St. Paul, Minn., inverted, Sedalia, Mo., Garden City, Peekskill and Rochester, N. Y., Cincinnati and Kenton, O., latter inverted, and Warren, Pa.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., is out with a one cent and special delivery in type similar to U-9, but taller and more condensed letters.

Oshkosh, Wis., is using a rubber roller similar to U-3 but not so condensed. Have only the one-cent.

Milwaukee is out with a one cent on which letters are thinner.

Herrin, Ill., Victory invert is a new one I found not in the book as well as Victory in New York City reading down, probably will be 112B in Bushnell's.

Toledo, O., is using a 3-cent coil precancel in U-1 type. It is perforated vertically.

I have a vertical pair of 12-cent Chicago type U-1 that has all the earmarks of having been used in a stamp affixing machine.

Abilene, Kana., is using a rubber roller. Have seen the 3-cent offset in type similar to U-3 but taller letters.

Wonder why Bushnell does not list Kansas City, Mo., roller type like U-1? When I was in the mail service I saw hundreds of these on packages and know they are not the ordinary roller cancellation. Only recently I have come across pairs of the 1-cent, perf. 10, inverted, same in perf. 11, normal, the 2-cent double, and the 3-cent normal in both the engraved and offset print.

A DUPLICATE CARD INDEX.—By Xeno W. Putnam.

The average collector usually has more trouble with his duplicate or sale stamps than with anything else. After trying out and discarding many other methods I have convinced myself that there is less loss of time, less confusion, less damage to stamps through handling and a better continuous knowledge of my exact stock in the use of the following card index system than in any other way I have ever seen described.

The stamps themselves are stored in envelopes, in the usual way, the envelopes of course properly labeled, or, where the quantity in stock is great, as of the commoner sorts, they are stored in boxes.

For keeping track of these I have prepared a lot of card index cards, the ordinary 3x5 kind, ruled one way the regular stock ruling; this because the regular stock card will answer every purpose and is so easily replaced with other cards of uniform kind. It is important that all cards be as nearly the same quality of stock as possible, otherwise in running over them a thick card is likely to feel to the touch the same as two thin ones and errors are more likely. I prefer assorted colors. Each standard card is ruled with ten lines and ten writing spaces below the head line.

For record purposes I divide my stamps into five groups as follows: Uncanceled, fine, good, fair, poor. Each division gets two horizontal lines of space and a single vertical line is drawn in each group space for each stamp of that group in stock. The stamp is identified on the head-line by figures corresponding to those in Scott's Catalogue, name of country being written in at upper left hand corner and denomination at upper right.

Once the card is prepared it is only the work of an instant to cross mark one vertical line when one of either group is sold. When a new one is acquired new vertical lines are as easily added. In this way one can instantly turn to his records and know just how many of each grade are in stock without handling or disturbing the stamps themselves for years. If one has quite a number of any kind that are not valuable one of the fifth or "poor" group may be stuck upon the upper center of the card for identifying purposes. This is convenient but not necessary if the numbering in the catalogue is followed closely. These cards are of course filed by the use of guide cards upon the tabs of which the names of the various countries have been printed.

Cards of different colors are preferred to locate nationality at a glance no matter where the card is found. If we use salmon for instance for Great Britain we can place the stamp at once by the card color no matter whether it is filed under Australia, or India or Canada. Red will identify the French nationality quite as much in Morocco as in France itself, etc.

STAMPS TO HELP TRADE.

London P. O. is utilizing a special postmark to advertise the British Industries Fair now in progress. But Germany is going one better and has arranged for the issue of special postage stamps in connection with the forthcoming Industrial Fair at Munich in May. The powers that be are slowly but surely, waking up to the vast possibilities of the postage stamp as an instrument of propaganda.

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GROW UP WITH STAMP CLUB.

One of the oldest clubs of its kind in the United States is the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, which started thirty-one years ago.

The charter members were boys with a hobby. Today the members are men, but they still have their hobby and their real enthusiasm for it.

"Collecting stamps is something you can enjoy at any age," said a member last night.

"You don't have to have a lot of money to have a lot of fun doing it, either," said another.

The club gets its name from the two famous men whose faces appear on stamps and whose histories are connected with Cleveland—President Garfield, who was born here, and Commodore Perry, whose thrilling fight occurred not far away.

The club meets every Thursday evening in the Finance building, 730 Prospect avenue S. E. Otto F. Moses is the president and W. J. Zink, secretary.

"We talk about stamps and 'swap' the ones we don't want," explained a member. "But no stamp enthusiast ever sells his collection! He'd sell his house first!"—Plain Dealer.

SHACKLETON'S STAMP.

Moroccan Air Post Issues.

Philatelists possess a memento of one of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expeditions in the shape of the 1d. universal postage stamp of New Zealand overprinted in green with the words "King Edward VII Land." This stamp was issued by virtue of Shackleton's commission as postmaster of the British Antarctic, and first used to frank letters from members of the South Polar Expedition, 1908-09, conveyed by the S. S. Kooyan on January 15, 1908. Only £100 worth of the King Edward VII Land stamps were overprinted, and used on upwards of 2,000 letters posted at the temporary post office at McMurdo Sound, between that date and March 4, 1909, when the expedition left for New Zealand.

Special stamps have now been provided for use in the air post service between Toulouse and Casablanca, inaugurated in September, 1919. Of the denominations 75 centimes blue, 1 franc red, and 2 francs violet, they are finely executed in oblong format by the hellogravure process with a vignette of an aeroplane encircling the town of Casablanca. Across the foot of the design, which is the work of M. de la Neziere, official artist to the French Colonial Office, appears the inscription "Service Postal Aerien."—London Times.

BRITISH STAMPS TO BE FEATURE OF EXHIBITION.

"Great Britain and Colonies" will be the classification of the fifth stamp exhibition to be held by the Pacific Philatelic Society in the trustees' room of the Mechanics' Institute. The exhibition was open from 7 to 10 o'clock to members and invited guests. Among the exhibitors will be Charles W. Arp, William Blackwell, M. C. Dillingham, Charles M. Mackmeier, L. Lazarus and S. S. Stromberg. The judges will be H. C. Marcus, R. O'Shaughnessy, H. W. Doscher and Joseph Birkenfeld.

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THE STAMP DEALER.

The stamp dealer—who is a stamp dealer—bears a relation to you different from that assumed by any tradesman or professional man who waits upon you. He is a good fellow to know personally. He may or may not be your equal socially and mentally.

Whether he possesses the grace and culture of a college graduate, or whether he has dirty finger nails and wears his hat in the office; nevertheless, he knows more about stamp values than most collectors.

Usually he is in the game because he has a fascination—or love, if you please—for the hobby. He performs a more lasting service to humanity than the butcher or the baker. He educates and trains the mind of the younger generation to orderliness, neatness, and to a pleasant knowledge of several studies. To the advanced collector he is the means of furnishing relaxation, appreciation of the beautiful, and financial gain.

The stamp dealer has many customers. Most of them are shoppers. He is proud of those collectors who prefer to do business exclusively with him. He strives to justify their faith and thus increase his own clientele.

The dealer often has tips, advice, helpful suggestions for those who are steady customers. Not necessarily large buyers.

The summer months are "lean pickings" for the dealer.

He will appreciate your business now!—(This little dissertation from the Fennell Stamp Co.)

DON'T EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE.

While business is off in every line it would be unnatural to believe that the stamp trade wouldn't suffer, too. And while it is true that the rabid fan will often buy stamps when he should buy bread, the fact is that a great many dealers are complaining of a total vacuum as far as trade is concerned. One dealer who has been in the business for twenty years caught the sweep of the tide toward wireless and has been making from \$20 to \$30 a day in that branch—abandoning stamps altogether.

In our own business we notice a decrease in receipts of about twenty per cent.

A concensus of view shows that the dealer who asked from 100% to 1,000% profit is without any stamp trade—the dealer who is satisfied with 10 or 20% has suffered a loss of about a fourth. Kuku methods lose out every time.

It is true that many advertisers are complaining that the results in the best of stamp papers is next to nothing, still we think that this is the right time to advertise—IF YOU GIVE THE PEOPLE BARGAINS. The cost as opposed to the possible advantages is all in favor of the persistent advertiser.—Stamp News.

The utter worthlessness of Russian money was illustrated here in Cedar Rapids recently, when a man here received a letter from his wife in Russia. The envelope had on it 123 ten and twenty kopek stamps to carry it to the United States.

TEUTONIC HUMOR.

Apparently the Germans have not been given sufficient credit for humor, notwithstanding the comic perpetrations of the recent "forging" and "road-mending" stamp designs. Many of the municipalities are issuing "emergency money" for use as small change. This takes the form of "bank notes" for such sums as 50 pfennig, or half a mark. At the present rate of exchange the mark is worth about one farthing, so it must need a strong and cynical sense of humor to joke on a half-mark note.

Yet that is what the municipality of Schobull has done. It has issued six notes, each of the value of 50 pfennig. A complete set reveals six different pictures on the right-hand half of the face, each with an inscription which tells a little romance of love and jealousy in serial form.

Illustrations of these appeared in a recent issue of a daily. On the first we see an idyllic little cottage. But, as the inscription shows, the love drama known as the "eternal triangle" exists there. The worthy old peasant (half hidden at the left of the picture) has reason to believe that the charming young village maiden whom he has married (seen at the upstairs window, as if looking anxiously for the coming of another) is receiving visits from a lover.

The pictures on the other notes carry the drama through its further stages. The suspicious peasant tells his wife that he is off to the hayfield, but instead of going he remains in hiding. Presently a handsome young officer rides up, and is received with kisses and embraces by his wife, while the peasant watches from behind the door. Then the husband reveals himself, the officer escapes through the window, and the wife receives a severe "talking to" about her conduct.

We only hope that Lithuania or Poland won't take the tip and go in for postage stamp dramas on these lines.

Geneva, the headquarters of the League of Nations, is during the first fortnight of September to be the scene of an International Stamp Exhibition, organized by the Union Philatelique de Geneve, whose thirtieth anniversary it will serve to commemorate. We shall have more to say on the subject in due course.—Stamp Collecting.

The Ninth Congress of Italian Philatelists will be held at Trieste on June 3rd-11th. Besides the usual festivities, there will be held an International Stamp Bourse and sales of stamps by auction. Dealers in all countries are invited to partake, and the Congress Committee are hoping that all the Italian and many foreign dealers will be present. Stalls at moderate rentals will be at the disposal of dealers.

The new officers of The Brooklyn Stamp Club are: President, R. M. Osborne; Vice-President, D. L. Boardman; Treasurer, W. J. Coleman; Secretary, Wm. Lycett; Financial Secretary, C. W. A. Braun; Directors U. S. S., Wm. Lycett, R. M. Osborne; Alternate, N. Patteck; Governors, A. W. Goldman, M. Herbert, George Ring, M. Rosenblatt. Meetings every Wednesday at Abbey, Howard avenue and Hancock St.

KNIGHTS OF THE COUCH.

Stamp Lover says: Less than an hour ago I was sitting with a friend, watching him "doing" his stamps, and laughing and chatting gaily with him, although goodness only knows, laughter and gaiety were far from my heart just then. Poor boy, for he was only a boy, in spite of his twenty odd years, and the sorrow of it was that he could never leave that couch of his unaided. Some injury received in the late merciless War had affected his spine and doomed him to a recumbent position for the rest of his days.

"Sometimes," he said wearily, "I grow tired of all this"—and he lifted a hand and circled it meaningly; a tiny parlor; yet I understand—it was the extent of his world. "I feel I am so useless and a great trouble to everybody, and if it weren't for you coming to see me and talking about stamps and things, why," he ended sadly, "I don't think I could go on, I don't really."

"And what about the stamps, old chap? When are you going to grow tired of them?" I asked. He looked up at me and smiled one of his happy smiles. "How could a fellow grow tired of his stamps?" he said, for all the world as though such a thing were really impossible. "You see," he went on, "there's mother, she's so good and gives me some of my pension every week, and an old crock like I am has no need to save—just a few smokes, you know, and rest goes on stamps, and there always seems something fresh to look forward to."

"Ah," I cried, in mock reproof. "And not so very long since you told me you wished your collection was complete." "Yes, perhaps I did, but then, you see, that was before I knew any other collector and only had my stamps. I know now," he continued vehemently, "that it is not the stamps that matter to a fellow like myself so much as you coming here and chatting, and the fellows who write to me and the stamp papers (magazines). All those matter far more to me than my stamps now."

"Well, so long, Dennis, old man," I said, when the time to end my visit arrived. "Cheerio; and don't forget Saturday—Come early," he called to me from his couch.

Poor chap, confined to that little room most days, but always cheery and never grumbling. What a contrast in nature to most of us able-bodied folk.

When I realize that there are thousands similarly situated, but scattered all over the world, I wish that more of them belonged to the happy army of stamp collectors. Alas, that I know so few and cannot go and chat with them and help a little to lift them out of the great rut of pain. Alas, also, that so few of my fellow-members who are afflicted like my ex-service friend, Dennis, have written to me and given me the opportunity to place them in communication with some other collector to whom the charms of a solitary album have ceased to be. And yet it is so easy for them all—and I am so willing.

Best Renew NOW! Do it now. Do it today before you forget it, for do-it-now folks are always happy. 75c pays for one more year to the WEST. \$2 for 3 years.

SHALL I SELL MY STAMPS NOW?

London Dealer says: This was the question put to me by an old Philatelist friend of some thirty years' standing, and added to the question was the inquiry "Shall I do better if I wait." In honesty I felt bound to tell him that he would probably realize higher prices if he waited, but I questioned if he would "do better" for the simple reason that money to-day will buy more in the way of stocks and shares than it will in the future, and stocks and shares will also increase in value and earn interest at the same time; if he had been thinking of buying houses it would have been a different proposition.

Speaking roughly there is not much in it; selling to-day at lower prices than the boom prices of eighteen months and two years ago, there is the practical certainty that the money today buys at least as much and possibly more. In any case, whether you are buyer or seller. You will not regret it. for the benefit of would-be sellers, I should like to mention that last sale was the best I have held for six months. Bidding was keener, prices higher, and altogether a distinct feeling that financial depression was a thing of the past.—London Dealer Ad.

A BUTTRESS INVESTMENT.—By Stamp Collecting, England.

We have no cause to quarrel with the correspondent who writes to "Mekeel's Weekly": "If I edited the leading stamp paper, I should take occasion to tell of the wonderful record that philately is making. Is there any slump in the stamp market? As you would say, 'I trow not.' What other investment line can hold up its head as high as collecting? We know that, instead of declining, good stamps are holding their own or more; and I think that you should have more to say on the subject. I am glad that I put a good part of my money in well selected stamps; and there are others." As the Editor of America's leading stamp paper says, the enthusiasm of the correspondent, founded on fact, is irresistible, and his words need little qualification. The market for stamps must be enlarged in order that the man who wishes to realize on his holdings at any time may know that he has more than paper security. Meanwhile, conditions attending marketability are improving; and more assurance than ever may be given to collectors that they are safe in buttressing their other investments with stamps.

PERSONALITIES OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

"Roessler's Stamp News" contains a short article by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., son of New York's greatest millionaire, in which he mentions how the personalities of the various countries appeal to him through their stamps. He says: "The stamps of Germany were, on the average, a representation of fat women, bearing a great amount of armament. Those of France were delicate, light, almost like flakes of snow. England's were staunch, majestic, solid. Italy's finicky, and full of little inscriptions; and those of Russia forbearing and monarchical." He asks, "Why not become national mind-readers from our stamps albums?"

American collectors in London are eagerly buying United States stamps depicting historical scenes.

THE PROGRESS OF INDIAN POSTAGE STAMPS—By A. Jacobs.

The postoffice of India founded by Lord Olive, was extended under Warren Hastings, when a regular system of postal charge was put in force for the first time. Adhesive stamps were not invented at this early date, but letters were impressed with the postmarks of Fort George, and other stations of the Honorable East India Company.

The earliest attempt at introducing the adhesive postage label into India was made in connection with the Scinde District Dawk on July 1, 1852. A certain amount of mystery surrounds these stamps which were embossed with the heart shaped nishan or trade mark of the E. I. C., and to this day the identity of the printers responsible for the work is unrevealed. A single duty only was provided, half-anna, but it exists in three distinct printings—viz., white, blue and red. In 1853 some essays for a general issue of postage stamps were prepared at the Calcutta Mint. These were in the famous "lion and palm tree" type, which failed to materialize owing to lack of facilities for engraving the plates. Thereupon the Governor-General instructed the Surveyor-General to see what he could do in the matter, with the result that a half-anna postage stamp bearing the Queen's head was produced by lithography. The first supply of half-anna postage stamps was dispatched to Bombay on April 5, 1854, but was recalled by telegram before it could be issued to the public, owing to the fact that no more vermilion ink of a suitable nature could be procured. This printing was also distinguished by the presence of $9\frac{1}{2}$ "arches" in the decorative border running down either side of the stamp. The original lithographic stone having been rendered unfit for further use by experiments with various kinds of inks, the design was re-engraved on copper by a native craftsman who traced only eight "arches" in the side panels. Half-anna stamps printed in blue from a new stone made up by transfers from this die, were finally placed on sale on September 15, 1854. Stamps of one, two and four annas face value followed almost immediately.

A rare variety of the bi-colored four-annas stamp exists with the Queen's head in the centre inverted. The stamps of this issue were all lithographed upon paper water-marked with the arms of the Honorable East India Company in an oval frame lettered "Stamp Office" covering the entire sheet of stamps. Three types of the one-anna and two each of the half and four annas are differentiated by philatelists by means of slight differences in the engraving. Later a contract was entered into with De La Rue & Co. for the supply of stamps to the Indian Post Office. The first consignment, consisting of the values half, one, two, four, and eight annas, was delivered in November, 1855, surface printed in a design showing the head of Queen Victoria, surrounded by the words "East India Postage." The two-annas, in yellow-green, was never placed on sale on account of its resemblance to the blue of the half-anna under artificial light. After being issued in dull pink its color was again changed, to avoid confusion with eight-annas carmine, to orange-yellow.

The first Indian postage stamp to be issued under the Crown on November 1, 1858, was a special eight-pies stamp for soldiers' letters, which were carried at reduced rate. A watermark in the form of an elephant's head, one

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to each stamp in the sheet, was adopted for the postage stamps supplied to the Government of India in 1865.

The charge upon letters to England by the P. and O. route via Marseilles having been fixed at six annas and eight pies, and no stamp of that value being available, the large six annas revenue stamp was pressed into the service, and, overprinted "Postage" in green, was brought into use concurrently with the existing eight pies stamp for this purpose. Not until May, 1867, was a definite 6a. 8p. postage stamp included in the regular Indian series, and this ceased to be required on the discontinuance of the Marseilles route seven years later.

The formal assumption of the title of "Empress of India" by Queen Victoria in 1877 was marked by the alteration of the inscription from "East India" to "India" simply. Coincidentally with the introduction of new types thus inscribed, in 1882, a new watermark consisting of a large five-rayed star was adopted. Consequently on the reduction of the postage to England to $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas, a provisional stamp was extemporized by surcharging a supply of the now redundant $4\frac{1}{2}$ annas with the lower value. Extensive forgery of the 1 rupee stamp of 1882, printed in grey, led to the creation of a new stamp of that duty, printed in two colors in doubly fugitive ink. Three high-value postage stamps of 2, 3, and 5 rupees issued on September 1, 1895, were primarily intended for use in the parcels post service. The colors of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas postage stamps were brought into line with the requirements of the Universal Postal Union in 1900. Changes in the colors of the 3 pies and 2 annas stamps were likewise necessitated.

Except for the substitution of the head of King Edward VII, the stamps brought into use on August 9, 1902, were identical in design, color and watermark with those of the last Victoria series. The reduction of 24,000,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamps to the face value $\frac{1}{4}$ anna by local surcharging on February 1, 1905, was rendered necessary by the exhaustion of the available stock of 3 pies stamps through a reduction of the fee for inland postcards. Half and 1 anna stamps available for fiscal as well as postal purposes were substituted for the ordinary postage variety on October 1, 1906, and were inscribed "Postage and Revenue." Due to the abolition of separate telegraphic stamps, additional high-value postage stamps for payment of telegraphic charges were placed on sale in January, 1909—viz., 10, 15, and 25 rupees.

The present Georgian stamps of British India, are based upon the Imperial silver coinage designed by Sir Bertram McKennal, A. R. A. The frame designs are of typical Indian craftsmanship. The initial values of the series were issued in Delhi in December, 1911. Through the faulty delineation of the elephant in the Order of the Indian Empire on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas Georgian stamp, which gave offence to the Mohamedan population owing to its resemblance to a pig, the die for this value was re-cut in 1913 with these details more clearly and accurately drawn.

A new value, $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas chocolate, was added to the series in May, 1919, to meet the increased postage upon letters for the United Kingdom. A provisional surcharge applied on the 1 anna postage stamp on June 10, 1921, was made necessary by the raising of the inland postage rate from $\frac{1}{2}$ anna

to that figure. Errors occurred in the original overprint applied at the Government Printing Office, Calcutta, but these were speedily detected and every effort was made to recall them, not, however, before a small number had found their way into the hands of collectors.

A LADY APPOINTED OFFICIAL U. S. PHILATELIST.

The position of philatelic curator of the United States National Museum stamp collection, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Joseph B. Leavy, has been advertised recently as open for competition. We now learn that Mrs. Catherine L. Manning, of Washington, has been appointed, and was due to enter upon her new duties on January 3rd. Mrs. Manning has been for about fifteen years in the employ of that well-known and successful dealer, Mr. H. F. Coleman, of Washington, and has had some experience of the Museum collection, having been loaned to the Museum authorities for the work of putting the collection in order before Mr. J. B. Leavy, undertook the newly established position of philatelic curator a few years ago.

STAMPS FOR INVESTMENT.

There is no cessation in the demand for rare stamps by collectors. The new issues are holding their own, too, although certain of the older collectors will not touch them. The old issues are maintaining their prices strongly, and fine specimens are always sure of a ready sale. Many business men buy stamps as an investment, aside from their collecting interest. One example recently that came under my notice was the purchase of the 30 cent inverted 1869, by a prominent collector, who, the next day put it in safe-deposit vault to hold as an investment.

Bright & Son's "A.B.C." Descriptive Priced Catalogue of the Continent of Europe and its Colonies (12th ed.) 1922., 500 pp., fully illus. Post free \$1.10.

The latest edition of Bright's "European" catalogue is chiefly remarkable for the fact that it includes for the first time the issues of the New European States, formerly relegated to the special war stamp supplement. The list of Armenian overprints extending to more than 500 items is by far the best that has appeared to date, whilst the Ukraine "Tridents" are dealt with in a similar comprehensive manner. On the all-absorbing subject of prices the publishers state that "the value of old stamps and many modern ones has risen enormously and this rise is reflected in the prices quoted. The period of world prosperity which we believe is slowly but surely approaching will cause further rises in prices, and as collectors continue to increase in number it is becoming increasingly difficult to supply their wants." Truly, such optimism is refreshing nowadays. See page ad.

American Youth says: The largest collectors' monthly published in the United States is the Philatelic West, of Superior, Neb. The West was established in 1895 and claims to have the largest circulation of any collectors' monthly in the world. The West does not cater to the stamp collector alone, but is designed to interest hobbyists of all kinds, and this is what the collector wants most.

ARE THE STAMPS OF SCANDINAVIA IN DEMAND AMONG COLLECTORS?

—By V. W. Rotnem.

Editor's Note:

In a previous issue of The West we promised an article on "A Norway Stamp, Scarcer Than Number One." Now for this article a certain publication by Nichols is essential. We are, therefore, waiting until the receipt of this publication before presenting this article. The recent acquisition of NORGES FRIMERKER by Anderssen and Henrik Dethloff, and The Stamps of Norway in the 20 mm. typé (1885-93) gives new food for thought, however, and the readers may expect some articles in the future which will go more into exact scientific details.

If we were to attempt to account for any great achievements in the line of industry, we would not select the Scandinavian countries. We can well read their interesting mythology, their drama, especially of Ibsen, and feel that there have been contributions. The people of the northlands show that they are attentive to details, that they are sincere, that they are a people with sterling qualities. Co-operative organizations have worked well in Scandinavia; in fact certain advances in conciliation tribunals of Norway are today being copied in this country in our small debtors courts. So, let us say, that good things have come from these countries. Their greatest contribution perhaps, to the world, is the steady, stalwart stock of immigrants who have long since been assimilated into the American melting pot. Just as the Norsemen of the early days were the foundation of the Norman stock, so today they are the bulwark of the industrial and agrarian classes of many of the northwestern states.

But, you ask, what is there to this generalizing that applies to philately? Simply this, good reader: The popularity of the Scandinavian stamps is due in large part to the desire of the collectors of today who are descendants of these races. To them a specialized collection of the stamps of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the colonies, is a source of pride.

Is this, then, the reason for the increasing prices for often neglected varieties? Partly.

Yet, there must be more to it than this. We were informed, just a fortnight back, by one of the largest dealers in this country, that the stamps of Scandinavia vied with British Colonials and United States in popularity. Does the intrinsic value of these bits of paper to people with a Scandinavian background account for this? No, not entirely.

There are economic reasons. Collectors are not fools. If they see that certain countries can be completed for a reasonable outlay of capital they are apt to concentrate on these countries. Norway, especially, is a good example of this principle. A glance at the catalog will tell you why. However, a glance at the number of the varieties of certain of the older issues that were placed on sale in Norway will also give more explanation. If two million of a stamp were issued, and of that stamp there are, at the most, 40,000 copies salvaged for philately, what will be the worth of that stamp in ten years? If the catalog price is low today, does that mean that

it will always be low. Will the growing demand permit a growing supply? Answer that question for yourself. There is the nub of this proposition.

Glance at a 1902 or a 1903 Scott's. Norway one is priced at 15c. Glance at the catalog today, \$2.50 and copies are selling for more than that amount at every auction in the country today. What is the reason?

A FORTUNE IN OLD STAMPS.

New York.—A new means of collecting a few odd millions of the war debt has been hit upon by French members of the allied committee on reparations.

When collections begin to drag they merely auction a few of the postage stamps collected by the late Baron Ferrari, and straightway stamp collectors from all over the world flock to Paris, well laden with coin of the realm.

Such an auction will take place in March, when two sections of the famous collection will be offered. Among the bidders will be several Americans, probably including John Klemann and Alfred Caspary of New York and Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Y. The last two already have helped to bring to this country old stamps of the United States and the colonies which were auctioned in Paris for one-fourth million dollars.

The Ferrari collection of stamps is considered the most complete in the world. It was gathered by Baron Ferrari, himself an Austrian, and seven assistants.

When Baron Ferrari died in Switzerland during the war his collection was seized at the instance of the French and removed to Paris, to be auctioned by the committee on reparations. The entire collection is valued at 5 million dollars. It occupies an entire building in Paris and will be auctioned in sections.

Sale of the entire American sections of the collection are expected to produce one-half million dollars to apply on the war debt.—K. C. Star.

Want X Ads mean opportunity.

It seems that the general stagnation of business is coming to an end. As a matter of fact, the Philately did not suffer much from the crisis and we hear from different parts of the world that philatelic transactions are getting on splendidly. We even noticed that a good many stamp collectors became half dealers on account of the poor business they were doing in their own branch of trade.

We must remark that medium and common stamps are more demanded than the rare ones. This comes probably from the fact that buyers are especially new collectors who have, of course, plenty of cases to fill in their album before they reach the rare sorts. On account of this, it is often difficult to get a medium stamp from 10 to 20 francs whilst good old French and European stamps are to be found at reasonable prices.—La Philatelic Frou in Paris.

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Condition cranks will no doubt have heart failure over this. The British Guiana one-cent stamp in the Ferarri collection sold recently to a New York man for 300,000 francs, about \$30,000, is a damaged copy. It is also discouraging to the C. C.'s to hear that if they don't want this one they'll have to do without, as it is all "there am."

WAR TAX CLIMBS.

The Dominica 3d war tax is destined to become a scarce stamp. There was not a great demand for this denomination and the 1½d soon after made its appearance. The 3d will reach the "dollar" class one of these days.

"GUS" VASA ISSUE SCARCE.

Marius Jorgensen, Waukegan, Ill., collector, who watches the Scandinavian markets closely, says the Gustavus Vasa issue of Sweden is commanding stiff prices. This set of three values, 20, 110 and 140 ores, was issued last year to commemorate the fourth centennary of the deliverance of Sweden from the Danes. It catalogues \$1.18 in Scott's but brings around that in the Scandinavian markets. Several of the 1918 Swedish surcharges and of the 1920 higher values will also be good property, he predicts.

NEWFOUNDLAND?

Some of those Newfoundland surcharges of recent vintage are puzzling many collectors and they are wondering if dealers have a hand in the matter. This country has always been a favorite with practically all collectors. Several recent "errors" are worrying collectors with slim pocketbooks as the varieties are being advertised at fancy prices and they seem to be cornered.

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Kelantan is out with practically all the old type A1 values in the new watermark. The Malay tigers are coming out in some distinct shades, but that's all I got.

Among other lands to be visited are Palestine, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, England and then home. Five months were spent in the Philippines, Japan, China, Corea, now called Chosen, Siam and the Dutch Indies.

(More from next port.)

SOME DECREPIT FERRARITIES.

Postage Stamp says: The second portion of the Ferrary collection has been disposed of in Paris during the past month, and it may be noted that for everything that was really fine the "most mountainous" prices were maintained. But there was an awful lot of comparatively poor stuff in this sale, a large proportion of the stamps being defective, some even decrepit specimens, and for all second rate and poor stuff the prices of course fell to very small figures. The average member of the general public would be amazed that a pair of 2c British Guianas of 1850 could fetch £5,250 in June, 1921, and another pair only realized £1,410 four months later. But, though you may cry "sour grapes" at me, I would just hate to put this latter pair in my collection, for it was an eyesore, even before it was repaired, and the "reparation" only made it less pleasing to my philatelic palate.

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WASHINGTON NOTES,—By Leslie Hart.

The Washington Stamp Club, with Mr. Johnson presiding, held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 27. Much trading was done informally, before the meeting was called to order. During the formal session, Mr. DuHamel showed a Russian cover bearing 30,000 roubles. The letter was addressed to the United States. A cover of the "self-government" issue of Malta was exhibited, also several other current foreign covers of interest.

A clipping was read showing that the father of the famous humorist, "Josh Billings" bought the first United States stamps ever sold in the country. He was in the Postmaster General's office when the official brought in the first sheets from the printer. One copy of each was bought for the face value, fifteen cents. The five cent stamp was used on a letter, and the ten cent stamp was presented to the governor of his state as a memento of the introduction of prepaid government postage.

Mr. W. P. Colson, of this city, left for Hayti during the latter part of April. Mr. Colson, who was in Hayti for some years previous to his coming to Washington, will be officially connected with the United States State Department.

Major General Clem, Vice President of the local Stamp Club, was grand marshal of a large parade in Washington, assembled for the dedication of the equestrian statue of General Grant in Botanical Gardens, bordering on the Capitol Grounds. Ten thousand people participated in the parade, the government departments granting a half day holiday for the occasion. The statue is the second largest equestrian statue in the world. Confederate veterans, members of the order of Sons of the Confederacy took a prominent part in the dedication.

The Stamp Shoppe held their monthly auction April 28th. Among the interesting items sold were: United States 5c 1847, with green cancellation for \$8.45; 24c grey-lilac, 1857, for \$6.75. 1870 grill, 10c for \$6.25. 15c for \$4.75. 6c (2 copies), 30c and 90c 1882 for \$4.25. \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.60 and \$1.90 first issue revenue for \$4.10. 2c second issue with inverted medalion, brought \$3.25.

There was an especially good bunch of Scandanavian stamps sold. Finland Nos. 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 brought \$3.50. Nos. 19 and 19a, \$2.50. Norway No. 3, (2 copies) brought \$3.85. Sweden No. 15 brought \$4.25.

An item in a local paper describing Parisian fashions stated that some of the innovations in Milady's apparel included shoes decorated with rare postage stamps incrustrated in leather. Some of these reached \$500 a pair. The Ferrari auction sale in Paris is also receiving quite a bit of comment from Washington papers. A clipping from the Washington Post stated that six U. S. stamps sold at an average of 84,000 francs, the highest price paid being 105,000 francs, for a Boscowan, N. H. local postmaster stamp. The other local stamps on sale were Lockport, N. Y., Annapolis, Md., Alexandria, Va., New Haven, Con., and the 10c Baltimore issue.

Regarding my particular hobby, Tax Pairs, I note the next sale of Max Bier, Brooklyn, N. Y., contains two Tax Paid lots. Tax Pairs are rarely offered at auction, it seems.

If any readers of the West would like to find out for themselves the in-

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terest that lies in U. S. Tax Paid collecting, I would be more than glad to send them free a collection of fifty different Tax Pairs, to start them off on a new field. As you know, Tax Pairs are rising rapidly in the public eye. The flock of surcharges put out during 1914-1918 on beer, tobacco, cigarette and other T. P.'s brought them to the front. Now that beer and liquor stamps are obsolete, their value is rising, not only because of scarcity, but also because of increased public interest. Any person really desiring the collection mentioned as a starter, will of course send me a 2c stamp for postage. My sole idea is to boom the collecting of these most interesting stamps.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Stamp Shoppe had its eighth auction March 9th, selling a nice lot of United States and foreign stamps. Although it was a rainy evening, quite a few of the local collectors and dealers were present, as Colson, Dunkhorst, Martin, Colonel Peck, McFadden and others. I give some of the prices realized.

Used 24c August 1861, \$15.10; 24c 1869, inverted center, \$250.00; 2c 1873, special printing, \$20.00; 2c Pan American, inverted center, used, \$440.00; used strip of three \$5, 1902, \$8.00; entire sheet double 5c error, perf. 10, \$11.50; \$5 prop., 5th issue, repaired in center, \$101.00; 1st non-stop aerial mail service, Dec. 5, 1919, covers as listed; 6c aeroplane, \$7.50; pair 1c, \$12.00; 2c, \$15.00; confederate states, Uniontown, orig. cover, \$175.00.

I did not wait for the sale of the foreign, but many good items were sold, such as "Mafeking Besieged" set Nos. 162-180 complete, Ceylon No. 82, Fiji No. 5, Sidney views, West Austria No. 2, some nice early Hawaii, as Nos. 5, 8, 9, 16, 18 and 19; Oldenberg, Zurich, Russia No. 603, and others. Their next sale will be some time in April.

There are on exhibition in the Treasury Department and also in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, sets of early Tax Paid stamps that would make Vanderhoof's and Bartlett's eyes water. They are in mint condition. Some fine proofs and trial printings are shown also. They are in frames along the corridors of the Treasury, and on the main staircase of the Bureau of Engraving. Many other items of interest are on exhibition, such as the cancelled note for the sum of money given Marquis de LaFayette, for his services in the Revolution, and other items connected with the early activities of the Treasury Department.

I had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. J. W. Grim, of Virginia, a short time ago. As he is a Tax Paid collector we swapped information, as well as stamps.

Speaking of Tax Pairs, the latest I have seen is the 5 cigarettes 1910, overprinted "Class A" in red ink. They are put out by the United Cigar Store.

STAMP WITH NEWSPAPER MAN'S PICTURE.

The English firm of Bradbury & Wilkinson has gained a government contract to supply 14,000,000 stamps bearing the head of the late Mr. Bouchier, the Times correspondent in the Balkan peninsula, and also representing Mr. Bouchier in peasant costume.



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A good hinge is a joy to any stamp collector while a poor one is a nuisance as well as a temper spoiler.

A sure sign of spring is when you can find school boys trading their duplicate stamps in the streets.

Mexico has started a competition of artists to make a new design for stamps that will be used this year.

It is possible in the realm of philatelics that the poorest appearing stamp may be the richest one of the entire collection.

Many of the present issue of the stamps of Norway bear the picture of Haakon, who since 1905 has been the King of Norway.

When O. G. stamps have become folded, they may often be straightened without cracking the surface by floating them, gum side up, on water for a moment.

It is a wise man who finds some intellectual interest outside the circle of his vocation. Stamp collecting affords it. It provides retreats for the mind and rest for the body.

A 60 pfg. stamp of a new type is mentioned as being forthcoming from Germany. We hope that it doesn't go any further into the future than the recently issued 20 M. variety.

Looking Ahead.—Designs have already been submitted to the postmaster-general for the 1 cent and 2 cent stamps which will be used at the time of the world's fair in Oregon in 1925.

Mere possession of a specimen stands for nothing. A mere accumulation of place from which they came and the times which produced them. Do this and you have doubled the joy of collecting in any line.

The pretty pictorials just issued for Aitutaki, Rarotonga, Niue and Penrhyn Island will adorn any collection. Coming on the heels of the superlatively attractive and artistic New Zealand Victory set, they will no doubt add to the large body of lovers of New Zealand stamps.



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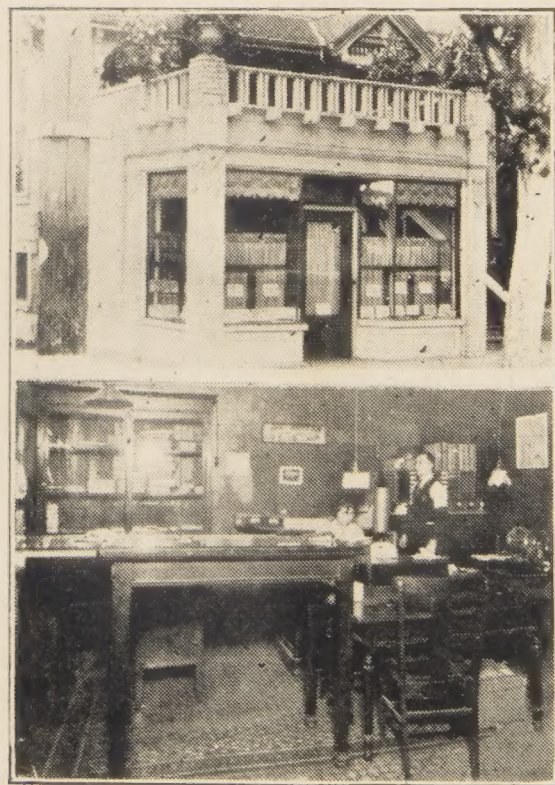




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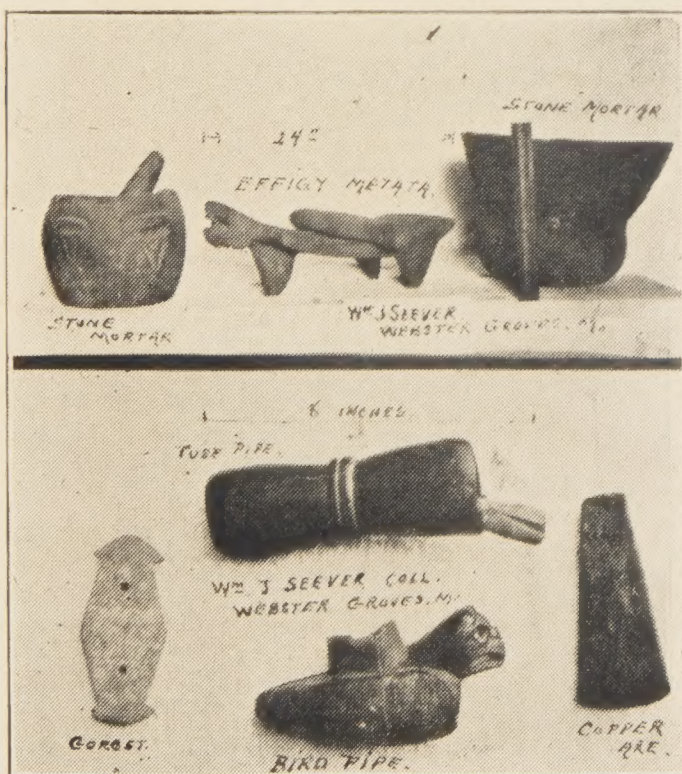
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MEXICAN REVOLUTIONIST COINAGE.—By M. Sorensen.

Besides the several issues mentioned in my former article there were numerous issues in copper, ranging in denomination from one to fifty centavos. Most of them are dated 1914 or 1915. Though there are many different issues, and consequently many die varieties, they in design adhere closely to the ordinary Mexican copper coins. In the following are described some of these coins, which have come under my observation. The copper coins issued by Zapata are, as a rule, better executed than his silver coins, probably because of the difference in the metals.

No. 1. Obv.: REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Liberty cap and rays. Below, 1915.

Rev.: EJERCITO DEL NOR (TE). 1-c in monogram. Below: EDO DE JAL (ISCO). Size $18\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

There is a 2 centavo piece, similar to this excepting value. This piece is 20 mm.

No. 2. Obv.: REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Large eagle, cactus, branches.

Rev.: TAXCO GRO. 1915. 5-c in monogram within circle. Mm. 28.

This coin is attributed to Zapata on account of the GRO. (Guerrero), which also appears on his silver coins. The name Taxco is evidently the place of coinage.

No. 3. Obv.: REPUBLICA MEXICANA. Small eagle, cactus and branches.

Rev.: C. M. GRO. (CAMPO MORADO, GUERRERO); beneath this 1915. within wreath: 50, and in a curved line below: CENTAVOS. Mm. $30\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 4. Obv.: --: ESTADO DE --: at the top; in the center large 1914, and at the bottom: DURANGO.

Rev.: 1 CENT. Traces of wreath below. Mm. 20.

No. 5. Obv.: ESTADO DE DURANGO. In center large 1914. Space below is blank, but probably stamp does not show.

Rev.: In center large 5, and below, in curved line: CEN(TAVOS); surrounded by a border of rosettes (--: --: --:), traces of which are visible. Mm. 23.

The last two coins are quite crudely struck, and there seems to be two or three different die varieties of them.

No. 6. The so-called "Brigade Madero" coin. Obv.: In center, Mexican eagle similar to the regular issue of 10 centavos of 1899. Below 1915. Around the edge: BRIGADA FRANCISCO I. MADERO. S. N. D. P.

Rev. 20 CENTAVOS. Above: TRANSITORIO.

This coin was issued in the state of Coahuila, where General Maclovio Herrera was in command of the "Madero Brigade." The initials on the coin

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are said to be the motto of the brigade, and there are different versions of this motto.

There are three copper coins by Villa, struck in the State of Aguascalientes, a 20 centavo and two 5 centavo pieces.

No. 7. Obv.: regular Mexican eagle on cactus in center; above: ESTADO DE AGUASCALIENTES; below, olive wreath.

Rev.: Within olive wreath, 20 CENTAVOS 1915. Above, a radiate liberty cap on pole. Size 29 mm.

No. 8. Similar to No. 7, excepting value. Size 25 mm.

No. 9. Obv. same as the two foregoing.

Rev.: 5-c in monogram in olive wreath; above, 1915. Size 25 mm.

Of No. 7 there are two varieties.

No. 10. 50 centavo piece, issued by Zapata in Morelos.

Obv.: REPUBLICA MEXICANA above; in center eagle on cactus; below, MORELOS.

Rev.: 1916 above; in wreath in center 50 CENTAVOS.

No. 11. Obv.: About the same as the foregoing, but from a different die.

Rev.: Above, MOR. 1916. In center, in wreath, 50 CENTAVOS.

All these coins are more or less scarce; not many of them were brought over the border. It is probable that there have been issues of which we have no record. And it is not likely that a complete set of all the Mexican Revolutionist coins are to be found in any collection. It is also a singular fact that while it at one time was possible to secure the issues in silver, the issues in copper were apparently over-looked, and were much more difficult to secure.

To the series of Mexican Revolutionist coins belong the issues of the State of Oaxaca. The history of this coinage is very interesting, but as it has previously been described in "The West," it is only referred to here for the sake of completeness. All the coins issued by Oaxaca were dated 1915, excepting the 60 pesos gold piece, which was dated 1916.

FROM ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S HOME.

J. C. King who in 1860 erected a flag pole in honor of Abraham Lincoln at Palmyra, Ill. A gavel made from it has been presented to museum at the Lincoln tomb.

J. E. Roll of Springfield, Ill., has a copy of the Illinois State Journal published in 1848 in which appears an advertisement of Abe Lincoln and Herndon when they were in business. Mr. Roll has a ledger showing two accounts with Lincoln in which work is charged for work done on the Lincoln home at Eighth and Jackson by his father.

Jas. Swetnam, America's foremost whittler, has a pair of plyers made from one piece of wood from a government airplane, the first plane to be fully equipped with a wireless outfit, and which met disaster at Camp Logan of which the two occupants were killed. Mr. Swetnam has the American flag made out of red vermillion wood from peru, blue watered oak and white Holly. These woods have been selected with the greatest care coming from different parts of the world.

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NAVAJO RUGS RAPIDLY BECOMING A LOST ART.

Many years ago, long before the white man was known in the United States, Navajo Indians were weaving their own blankets, clothing, etc., from the pulled wool of sheep which they raised for that purpose. They carded, spun and wove the blankets by hand and this is still done by the old and feeble squaws who will never forget how to weave a beautiful blanket until they pass into the Happy Hunting Grounds.

It is very astonishing to the traveler in the Navajo country to ride among a land of barren mesas, rocks and find a ragged Navajo squaw under the shelter of a pinion tree or grease wood, squatted before a loom made of three sticks a rope and some stones weaving a beautiful, durable and valuable rug. A stick holds the alternate cords of the wool apart in opposite directions and thus enables her to run the successive threads of the warp across. It is a little wonder that these rugs will hold water and stand the tramping of a lifetime, as each thread across the wool is jabbed down with force by a forked stick.

Navajo rugs are entirely made of native wool. White, black, brown, grey and red are the only colors used in these rugs. All colors are natural except the red. The brown is taken from the belly of a certain sheep and the grey is made carding an equal amount of white and black wool until a correct blend is obtained.

The designs are characteristic and admirably worked out. The weaver traces the pattern on sand before beginning, but most time composes it in her head as she weaves along. This part of the weaving is very difficult. Each pattern represents some God and all have a meaning. On most rugs a small white opening is left through the border in order that the devil may escape. It requires from two to twelve months of hard work to make one of these rugs, according to size.

Owing to the large number of government schools on the Navajo reservation which compels all Navajo children to enter at an early age, they do not return until grown up and at that time have lost the art of weaving these fine rugs.

At the present time the Navajo rug industry has grown to be the largest industry carried on by the North American Indian. Last year they produced nearly \$500,000 worth of rugs. This was probably due to the fact that they could not make a living from selling their wool at the low market price. The traders find this year there is a greater demand for these rugs as the white people at large have begun to realize the true value of the Navajo rug.

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Roessler's says: We would suggest that to all who bought the special state half dollars of us to hold. We note various changes coming through that are bound to make these coins valuable. Some of these differences are very noticeable such as a star in front of the trappers face on the Missouri and on the Alabama a whole flock of stars have been included. Most of these alterations were made with the coming of the new year. Also the obverse on the Missouri has been completely changed. The Maine half dollar continues to be almost impossible to get. The Grant Coin is a beaut!

AN OLD BOONE GUN.—By C. St. John, Berrien Springs, Mich.

I am well aware of the fact that the subject on the rifles which originally belonged to Daniel Boone, the old Kentucky pioneer, has been discussed so much that it is no longer amusing, but disgusting. Throughout this country, I dare say, there are no less than a dozen museums and individuals who claim to own Daniel Boone's rifle. (Even the Warren Foundation Museum of the little town of Three Oaks, Mich., I understand, claims to possess a Boone rifle.) Probably all of these have sworn statements from the party of whom the rifle was purchased, verifying (?) its authenticity, and undoubtedly some one of them (or possibly two) has an actual Boone gun. Outside of the latter, however, I don't believe any of them have procured their gun, papers etc., from a direct Boone descendant.

Now at this day and age I am not coming forth with the statement that I have discovered another Daniel Boone rifle; but I have recently acquired a fowling piece which was originally the property of Jacob Boone, who was born in Bucks county, Pa., in 1744.

Jacob Boone was first cousin to Daniel Boone. John, Jacob's father, was brother of Squire, Daniel's father. In 1775 Jacob moved to Franklin county, Va. He died in 1814 and was buried at Boone's Mill, Va. He was the father of seven children, the third being Daniel who was born at Boone's Mill on Nov. 12, 1791. Upon his father's death, Daniel took charge of his father's gun (one of the elder brothers got his rifle) and brought it to Berrien Springs, Mich., with him in 1845. They settled on a tract of land in Berrien township. He brought his entire family with him consisting of the following children: Henry, Preston, Jacob, Fleming, John, Abraham, George, Mary and Eliza. The latter and youngest, Mrs. Eliza Ford of this village, is the only one living.

After Daniel's death on Sept. 4, 1872, his son Preston took charge of the old gun. A few years before Preston's death which occurred Nov. 3, 1904, he gave it to W. E. Boone, his brother Henry's oldest son, as he had no sons of his own, and until March 26, 1922, it has been in his possession.

On that day it was nice and springlike and I felt like taking a stroll. I wandered off down Kephart Lane and hardly realized it until I was going down the decline that led to what was once called Rattlesnake Hollow, but upon which now stands a nice block residence surrounded by beautiful trees and well tilled land. This farm is Mr. Boone's home, and the thought struck me to call on and approach him about disposing of the gun. Many times prior to this I had tried my best to make a deal with him but he would not hear it. However, it happened to be his birthday—just 70 years of age—and he was feeling pretty good. I asked him without hesitation if he would mind showing me the gun and he immediately arose and brought it out. He informed me he had thought he would always keep it, but since his son died, during the "flu" epidemic, he saw no reason why he should. Consequently we were not long in coming to terms. He, and Mrs. Ford informed me, together with most of the information I have heretofore given, that he had been told that this was the last gun that his great grandfather owned, that he bought this one after his eyesight was too poor to see to shoot a rifle. It was a

flintlock up till the time it got into his uncle Preston's possession; but George Bolinger, a gunsmith who operated here during the '70s, altered it to percussion.

Nearly 20 years ago, when I lived next door to "Uncle Henry" Boone (Mr. "Ed" Boone's father) Uncle Henry told me that his brother "Press" has his grandfather's gun, and although he didn't seem to envy him for having it as a keepsake, he did for its "shootin' qualities." Here is where I first got wise to the Boone gun.

It is the belief of Mr. Boone from family history handed down that this old gun was often in the hands of Daniel Boone, the old woodsman, as he often made long visits to Jacob's home. It also stands to reason that a fowling piece might have been used by either of them in their declining years, as failing eyesight would not warrant the use of a rifle.

This old piece is 57 inches long. The barrel, 41 inches, is about one-third octagon and the rest round. The word "London" is stamped on top. It has a full length maple stock, with checkered grip, the checks being worn quite smooth. The lock is stamped "Ketland & Co." and has been altered from flintlock to percussion. It is brass mounted, the guard and butt-plate having some rather deep engraving and chiseling. The bore is 11-16 inch, or about 18 gauge. It is without cheekpiece and is a typical old time fowling piece. It never was a fancy gun, but neat stout and well made—just the kind that a man who was looking for service and not show would be inclined to pick out. From what I can learn of the family's history, I take it that anyone who owns a "Boone rifle" or gun with a lot of silver inlays and covered with engraving, has been most cleverly duped.

Although this old weapon is not as valuable as a genuine Daniel Boone rifle, its authenticity is established and it came from a direct Boone descendant—even to the name—and such being the case, it is a very desirable acquisition. I have not cleaned it, nor supplied a couple of screws that are missing, but it shall be left in the condition in which I received it as long as it remains in my possession.

AFFIDAVIT.—I hereby certify that the information given in the above article concerning the old gun which I have sold to Mr. Clarence St. John is true to my best knowledge and belief; and there is absolutely no question as to the authenticity of the weapon.

(Seal)

Signed, W. E. BOONE, ELIZA BOONE FORD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April, 1922.

WARREN A. SCHULTZ, Notary Public. My commission expires Oct. 8, 1924

Mrs. S. E. Harvey of Fulton, Nev., recently received a check for \$140 that was like a present almost. It was in payment for old coins, one an 1854 gold dollar with the letter C on it which showed it was minted in Charlotte, North Carolina, and which brought \$100 from a coin collecting agency; another, an 1861 gold dollar which was minted in Dahlonega, Ga., and which brought \$25 and a gold dollar minted in 1889 which brought \$15.

PELE'S TEARS.

There is an Hawaiian legend that long years ago the goddess Pele traveled over the Hawaiian Islands in search of her lover. And when in her search from island to island she failed in the quest she wept bitterly and these tears falling, dropped in little pockets of lava and hardening formed the various colored pearl-like incrustations which have lately been uncovered in a rock quarry on the railroad between Honolulu and Schofield Barracks. The Hawaiians of today call these pretty stones "kaanohi-o-Pele" which translated means the "Pupils of Pele's eyes." The Hawaiians who first found these peculiar formations said that Pele was observing them and as some of the stones resembled her beautiful eyes that she is thus gazing at them.

Be that as it may, the stones are very pretty as found in the little pockets in the lava as blasts for ballast throw down the vast ledges of rocks.

Mr. Hutchins of the Hawaiian Dredging Co. was the first to make any effort to utilize these pretty stones by having them polished and mounted in gold or silver. One jewelry house here has been doing a good business in them as mounted and polished. Mr. Hutchins has polished in his odd hours many of them by hand using a grind stone and finishing them by a process of his own.

No two stones are alike and the variations in shades and tints are many. Some have the appearance of cat's eyes while others resemble pale, milky opals. The colors are creamy in others and all shades of pink are found while some are nearly red. I have seen none of large size, the largest being about three-fourths inch in diameter.

The specimens of lava containing them are beautiful cabinet specimens and usually with the "Tears" are some wonderful radiations of soda crystals and calcium formations often of sharp needle crystals or fan shaped. These crystalizations are, snowy whiteness and contrast sharply with the creamy appearance of the "Tears" and the dark lava.

The "Tears" are found only in the damp rock in the quarry face, and the dry rock is said to contain none at all. In fact the pockets are said to invariably contain water when the rock is shattered by the blasts. The pockets are all small and in many cases are filled with the "Tears." They have the appearance of having fallen as big drops and flattened out until they are large half pearls and seem scarcely attached to the lava. A sharp blow with a cold chisel and hammer struck against the edge of the "Tear" at the point of adhesion, jars it loose without fracturing, if care is used.

Viewed from the underside the stone shows concentric rings of different colors often and these polished show a beauty of appearances varying with each stone. No more beautiful cabinet specimens can be found than a group of these "Tears" on a dark surface of the lava, while radiating all through the pocket are bundles of needle crystals of the white soda compounds and calcium formations. In hardness the stone is little harder than the opal and takes an excellent polish with often the effect of the eye noted.

Mr. Hutchins says in all his work in quarrying around the islands that he has seen these nowhere else and nothing like them anywhere.

No more attractive cabinet specimens can be found for one's collection

than a select specimen of "Pele's Tears" with these white naadle groups around the "Tears" and the ones Mr. Hutchins was kind enough to give me on an occasion I visited him, are much prized. So much was I pleased with them that I sent some specimens to enthusiastic mineral collectors I knew back in the states and they were as much pleased as I.

While I was writing this a newspaper man came in wearing for a watch charm a very attractive stone mounted in gold. He says it was found near the Volcano on Hawaii and had it polished by a jeweler down town. The stone is a new one to me and is of a purple cast base with radiating veins of yellow color running irregularly through the stone and making splotches of yellow and pink at intervals through the stone. It takes a high polish and is very attractive in appearance, being of such unusual design. It has the appearance of some futurist being vexed with his mixing of colors, throwing in a few contrasting ones. These were stirred slightly and then a section sliced out of the mass and the streaks of color thus shown give an idea of the stone.

This last week a Japanese traveler around the islands showed me some fine work made by the ancient Hawaiians in which they used the various forms of lava and basalt for fashioning the tools and implements. In fact I traded him out of several fine specimens of the ancient handiwork.

The workmanship shows care and skill and is the equal of any of the American Indians in many respects. The Hawaiians did not have the good material to work with that the Indians did in the first place. Then the lava is not suitable for the purpose if soft and if hard it is too refractory to be easily fashioned into the required shapes.

Later I will send you a little data on some of the things this Japanese collector has.

CAVE DWELLERS ARE UNEARTHED.

The discovery of prehistoric skeletons in the Iowa State Park located near Anamosa, Iowa, is arousing State and National interest. In the construction of a road bed it was necessary to cut through a cliff and into a portion of "Horse Thief Cave" to complete the road. In the procedure five human skeletons were found near the south wall of the cave, ranging in age from infancy to 16 years. Three skeletons near the north wall, two of which were small children, and one very large skeleton of middle age. This was perfectly preserved, while those of the children had suffered much from time.

All were buried in ashes, a total of more than 3,000 bushels were removed.

The fact that they were buried in a sitting posture suggests the ancient custom of the Mound Builders, who were probably descendents of the cave dwellers. The fact that no tools or implements except the crudest stone hammers and that pieces of very rude pottery work were found also indicates they were more ancient than the Mound Builders.

Many collectors feel that a lot of greatness is concealed in their collections and are waiting for the world to discover it. The chances are that they will never know,—“too late.” Moral: Show your gems now!—Sparks.

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BOOK NOTES.

Edited by Roy Adair, 1715 Champa, Denver, Colo. Under this heading we will answer all inquiries pertaining to books. Questions and answers of interest to subscribers will be published here each issue. Parties having interesting notes kindly send to the above.

Unique books are frequently discovered but seldom remain unique long. As soon as valuable books are known a widespread search begins and generally new discoveries are made. This has been the case with the first edition of "Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress," of "Poe's Tamerlane," and many famous books that might be mentioned. Not long ago a certain American collector thought he had the only copy of Lorenzo D. Aldrich's, "A Journal of the Overland Route to California," published in 1851, but lately other copies have been brought to light. There are now nine known copies in existence of the first edition of "Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress."

A china plate used by George Washington at birthday parties and later presented to Andrew Jackson by Mrs. Parke Curtis Lewis recently sold for \$910.00.

A diary of Thomas Jefferson for the year 1775, written on thirty-eight pages of an interleaved almanac for the year of our Lord 1775 entitled "The Virginia Almanac" giving an account of Jefferson's financial transactions, memoranda relating to his expenses as congressman etc. sold for \$610.00 recently.

The first edition of "Milton's Paradise Lost," London 1667, sold recently for \$860.00.

Some rare books on Americana well worth searching for are the following: "Paddy's Narrative," "Browne Crusoe's Island," "Canfield Diary of a 49er," "Gregg Commerce of the Prairies."

A rare book recently found here called "The Laws of Jefferson Territory found a ready buyer for \$650.00.

A Poe item called "Quarels Quickens" 1842, being a satire on Dickens' "American Notes," recently exchanged hands for \$800.00.

Booklegging is a new word not to be found in the dictionary and applies to dealers selling those books which have a ban on. Some years ago the son of a Wall street financier got behind "Casanova's Memoirs" and it was secretly done in 12 volumes from a Pittsburgh bindery. They were sold at that time for \$125.00 a set but now the bookleggers are asking the grand sum of \$1,000.00 per set. George Moore has written a number of books that are difficult to obtain. His "Story Teller's Holliday" is cheap at \$50.00 and the rest of his works are hard to get at any price. The same is true of the "Art of Love" by Roble, Huenker's "Painted Veels," Cobell Jurgen" and many others.

Some of the world's greatest classics, works of "Rabelais," "Decameron" and others now have a ban on and cannot be sold in certain cities due to a recent ruling.

NUBBINS.

A Colorado man has written the Lord's prayer on a postage stamp. Few of our readers could do this, and their chief difficulty might not lie in the restricted space either.

PREHISTORIC ART IN CLAY IN NEW ENGLAND.—By E. A. Rogers.

In a study of prehistoric art in clay in New England it is well to remember that the known specimens of Indian pottery found in perfect condition can be counted on the fingers. There are however several vessels which have been reconstructed from fragments. And pot-sherds which abound on all camp sites furnish ample material for study and comparison. The custom of burying earthen-ware vessels with the dead was seldom observed, so it is safe to assume that no sizable collection of perfect specimens will ever be brought together. The severity of our winters and inadequate firing has so deteriorated the fragments that it is usually beyond the skill of human hands to reconstruct them. Two, reconstructed from fragments, are shown here. Both are in the Hartford Historical Society. The Peabody Museum, Cambridge, has the largest collection. Yale, Andover, Salem and the University of Vermont also have examples.

New England pottery served only for culinary purposes. The majority of the vessels preserved hold less than a gallon, none more than three gallons.

Clay may be spoken of as abundant in the New England States. Before the general introduction of the macadamized road, it found first place as a material for road construction. The foundation of hundreds of miles of New England's highways today is clay often to the depth of two feet, and scattered throughout the five states are brickyards of considerable size which have been running for a period of years without materially lessening the supply. Within easy access and along the banks of streams is found a dark greenish clay, practically free from sand and other impurities suitable to the aborigines' needs.

Clay served the Indians in three distinctly different ways; it was almost indispensable for pot making and played no mean part in the manufacture of pipes. In a lesser degree it served for ornaments but this is of secondary importance and will not be treated in this paper.

Examples of New England pottery show that with the best material at hand our pottery-makers never rose above the most primitive forms in their art. In no way does our pottery rank with that of the Southwest although exception may be taken to the pipe. As the pot portrays the highest art obtained by the women, so the pipe that of the men. Although the Indian smoked his pipe for pleasure as we do, it is well known that no important undertaking or treaty could be sanctioned without its presence. To the mind of the Indian it portrayed all that was solemn and important. Here unlike in pottery, we find a diversity of forms ranging from the "L" shaped pipe to the tube form (see illustrations) and although not abundant, animal forms are found. These may be spoken of as New England forms. It is not so with the pot. Occasionally a vessel is found that seems to contradict this but usually closer examination shows Iroquoian rather than Algonquian art. A typical example was illustrated by Prof. Perkins in the *American Naturalist*, Vol. 4, page 14. It was found in a grave in Colchester, Vermont. This jar holds nine pints when filled to the brim. It is seven and one-half inches high and three inches in diameter across the brim. Around the largest circumference it measures twenty-seven inches. In color it ranges from a dark slate

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to almost black in places. It is shown here. Compare with typical Iroquoian vase from New York.

Even among the tribes where the poorest pottery was made the art of tempering seems to have been well understood. Along the seacoast pulverized shell was used exclusively; inland a diversity of materials is found. Here, crystalline rock is by far the most preferred, but wood, straw potsherds, and mineral substances are not lacking. Tempering served several purposes. Everyone familiar with clay knows how it shrinks and cracks while drying, especially during the burning process. The coarse particles in a measure overcame this. Then too the tempering materials served the same purpose as the hole at the extremity of a crack in plate glass to prevent further splitting. Once a crack started it would circumscribe the vessel but for these foreign particles which tend to break its plane. Breakage is also prevented by an uneven distribution of heat owing to the difference in density of the particles.

Now that interest is being awakened in archaeology we are surprised to find that our early explorers left practically no records relating to the manufacture of pottery. This is doubtless due to the primitive methods employed by the redmen, which when compared with the potter's wheel used in Europe hardly awakened a passing interest. Fortunately there is no branch of archaeology which can be so readily deciphered as that of pot-making; glazes were unknown and firing mediocre. Even the value of finely prepared washes of clay was not understood, or at least not practiced by the New England tribes. Pot-sherds show that at least two methods were employed in the manufacture of pottery. A reed basket was often made and plastered on the outside with clay. Firing would destroy the basket and leave the vessel intact. The interior of many pot-sherds still retain the impression made by the reeds; however this method was not as commonly used as the succeeding one owing to the needless waste of time employed in making the basket. The second method, that most often employed, was to form the clay in long strips and wind them spirally into shape. Here a shallow basket was used to start the form which was removed as soon as the work was fairly under way. A shell, gourd, smooth oval rock, or tool made expressly for the purpose, in fact, anything with a convex surface was employed to shape and hold the interior of the vessel while the hand and paddle pressed the rolls together and shaped the outside. The scraper was next used to smooth the exterior. A wash of unmixed clay was then used and upon this was placed the ornamentation. Here our Eastern tribes fell far short, for generally speaking, no elaborate forms have been found. Thin disks, similar to a dress maker's roulette, sharp pieces of shell, pointed sticks, and even the finger nails were used to make dots and lattice work or other simple design. Seldom was any pattern ever carried out. The thumb and fore-finger played their part in decorating the rim. Blunt tools and hollow bones were also employed but in no case was an elaborate design attempted. The whole may be compared to the work done by a child of today in his playhouse.

After allowing the vessel to remain in the shade for several days to thoroughly dry they were fired. Never were they subjected to a high degree

of heat. In vessels where shell was employed it is seldom found calcined. The firing turns the vessels brownish or reddish gray to black in color. In shape the pots resemble a deep cup or bowl with a wide mouth. The department of archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., has been carrying on extensive explorations in Maine during the past eight years. They are now laying plans for an extensive survey of all the New England States beginning this spring. Prof. MacCurdy of Yale is also making a systematic study of Connecticut. Both departments will issue reports on their work. Much additional light will be added to our knowledge as may be seen from the Maine report just issued by Phillips Academy.

HISTORY IN SCRAP BOOKS.—By Miss Emily Coriell.

I have a collection of scrap books (several volumes) which are probably different from any others in the world. In them are seals, coats-of-arms, letterheads and similar things from the states and territorial possessions of the United States, except Yap and a few other minor islands; from congress the White House, all the cabinet departments, the army and navy, the supreme court, thirty-five legations and many United States consulates. The postal department is represented by very many interesting items and of course there are a large number of stamps—of these the precancels are the favorites.

Colleges and historical societies have given a large quota and there are hundreds of pictures and other items representing the progress of the country from the time of Columbus, particularly the Revolutionary and Civil War periods. In the pages devoted to the Civil War there is a wealth of material from both sides of the conflict. Among these are clippings from the original newspapers of the draft calls, Lincoln's second inaugural speech, Lincoln's funeral and accounts of the surrender of Lee and trial of Jefferson Davis.

Of natural products are flax, cotton, raw silk hemp and cloth from the colonies made of cocoanut and pineapple fibre, also one of Burbank's flowers and for sentiment heather and Edelweis. Through these books there are a great many autograph letters and signatures, and there is a special volume of other autographs which have come to me. These include such names as President Harrison, President and Mrs. Cleveland, President and Mrs. McKinley, President and Mrs. Roosevelt, President and Mrs. Taft, President and Mrs. Wilson, President and Mrs. Harding, several vice presidents, cabinet officers, Uncle Joe Cannon, Chief Justices Fuller and White, Generals Miles, Wheeler; Admirals Dewey, Sampson, Schley, Evans and Fletcher; Cardinal Gibbons, John Hay, Thomas A. Edison, Andrew Carnegie, John Wanamaker, Jacob A. Riis, Judge Lindsay, General Goethels, Edward Everett Hale, Henry Van Dyke, Edward Bok, Harvey B. Wiley, William Marconi, Clara Barton, Jane Addams, Ida Tarbell, Admiral Sims and General Pershing. Surely names of people who have done much for the advancement of our nation. Besides these there are the signatures of several distinguished foreigners.

Liberia is keeping up its menagerie of birds and animals by issuing a new set in keeping with the previous issues. The 10c Registration stamps of this new issue depict a big coiled snake. Gee, we'd be afraid to get a registered letter from there for fear of getting bit.

AUTOGRAPH AND OTHER NOTES, written for the WEST by "Autto Graphe"

In perusing the catalogs of English autograph dealers, did you ever notice the cataloging of items? In a recent one an item was offered "Clay-Henry; President of the U. S.—D. S.—2 shillings." Art is long and time is fleeting; but Henry was never President of these, our own U. S.—unless my education was very sadly neglected.

Who said the day of bargains was past? We reiterate, WHO! A short time since I received a miscellaneous lot of material of approval. In the lot was a pair of 3c '51s on the cover at 10 cents. Of course, this was cheap—very, but here is the point: I very casually glanced inside the envelope, and LO and BEHOLD the envelope had been turned by some economically-inclined chap of those old days, and on the inside was a fine copy of the 1c blue, 1851, typed IV. Thus I had an original cover bearing a pair of the 3c and a single of the 1c, 1851, for the huge sum of 10 cents. A certain Eastern gentleman saw this and persuaded me to part with it for the modest sum of \$5.00. This rather shades the activities of one Ponzi, eh, what! And the best part; yes, dear reader, the gent who sent it was a dealer.

I hope that the old adage of "lightning never strikes twice in the same place" does not apply to me. I'm struck on a strike like this, as it were. Yes.

Some of the English book catalogs are works of art to behold, especially those of Maggs Brothers. These are illustrated with plates of beautiful bindings, Royal bindings, etc. The prices? Well, if you earn around \$22.50 per week they are not for you. A little volume at £500 is the usual, not the unusual thing.

Mr. R. Atkinson issues splendid little catalogs of books. He caters more to the non-millionaire class, and one can occasionally pick up a volume for a modest sum. He issues an "Advance Issue" for American clients.

Libbie of Boston is no longer in the auction field. The firm have entered the lists as regular book dealers, and issue catalogs. They used to have some sales with fine lots of autographs in them. Of late years, however, the prices went 'way up there, and real bargains were few and far between. They sold, you may recall, the famous Hathaway collection at their galleries a few years since.

The last two or three years has seen the passing of many old-time autograph collectors. The roll is being sadly depleted: Turner, Fox, Gable, Francis, Proctor—these are but a few of the old guard who have passed. Old Man Time is wielding the scythe relentlessly of late.

It is my belief that autographs of Woodrow Wilson, our late President, will be good property. Mr. Wilson does little writing now, if any, and all of his autographs have been absorbed. Letters written while President will be rare. This is certain.

I know nothing of Indian relics and guns, which is my misfortune. Two or three years ago I had the opportunity of purchasing a large collection at my own price, practically, and had to pass up the opportunity. There were guns, battle-axes, head-dresses, arrow points, and various stone implements galore. It must have been a very valuable collection. The owner had died, and his wife and family knew absolutely nothing of the value of the collection.

They desired to sell the house and dispose of the collection. I do not know what became of it. Those who had dealings with Prof. D. F. T. of Troy will recognize the collection at once. Where were all the Indian relic dealers? Asleep at the switch, apparently.

When it comes to world-war relics I have a few unique ones. An uncle of my wife's was a Captain in the air service in France. He presented them to me. Some of them may be of interest to my readers: A bronze statue of Joan of Arc, cast in bronze from a piece of German airplane engine; made at Romorantin, France. A picture frame fashioned from the end of an airplane propellor, highly polished. The gent who drove this airplane departed to a warmer climate before the frame was made. Also a match safe, made from German belt-buckles, with the ever-present "Got Mit Uns" liberally inscribed upon them. I also have a helmet which was used—actually used. Some Prussian by the cognomen of Blume wore it—his name is stencilled on the interior of the iron lid. A cute shell bumped Mr. Blume to the better world, as a significant dent in one side proves to the satisfaction (and satisfaction is right) of the beholder. These, I am proud to say, are real relics, not ones made in Rahway, N. J.

Have you noticed the prevalency of house-organs masquerading as magazines? Various parties and firms issue them at \$1.00 or so a year and call their catalog a "magazine." Moral: Get a sample copy before shelling out your hard earned 50 cents or \$1.00 or so.

This is a practice that should be discouraged. To call a simon-pure catalog a "magazine" and charge a bone or half a bone a year for it is waltzing on rim of the precipice. Naturally, I mention no names, but if the Florsheim's fit, consider your dogs and be wise.

A well-known Chicago collector has several A. D. S. of Michelangelo, the great painter. This is an embarrassment of riches. Did you ever price a Michelangelo? Imagine having several of them. I saw a fair A. D. S. offered a year or two ago for \$400.00, which it very probably was worth.

Someone did get a real bargain, however, at one of Henkel's sales a year or so ago. An L. S. of Pizarro, the Spanish Conquistador sold for \$51.00. The edges had been damaged by fire, but, notwithstanding, this was murder in the first degree. It was the only L. S. of Pizarro I ever heard of. His autograph is of excessive rarity. No, Angeline, I did NOT get it, I was born on Friday, the 13th.

Years ago someone wrote R. G. Ingersoll for his autograph. Mr. Ingersoll complied; but above his signature he wrote the following: "Let us smoke in this world, not in the next." Not a bad idea, that.

The days of Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier, Emerson and the rest of the New England poets were the halycon days for the autograph pest. They, apparently, always answered requests for their autograph. William Cullen Bryant must have written his signature thousands of times for collectors. One gentleman, now dead, accumulated scores of the signatures of these poets. He lived in Henrietta, N. Y. He had the "line" and he pulled them in.

Oh, for the good old days when they chained the books to the wall so that the casual reader would not walk off with them. The librarian of those

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days had to learn the blacksmith's trade and be strong enough to wield a sledge-hammer. The "chained-manuscripts" of those bygone centuries are rare now—and one must part with numerous sesterces to be the owner of one of them.

Mr. Judd Stewart of New York had one of the finest collections of Lincoln letters and manuscripts relating to Lincoln ever assembled. Since his death I have been watching for them to appear at auction or be offered for sale, without result. What is to become of them? Who knows?

Had Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison been faint-hearted, the original of the Declaration of Independence would not be in existence to-day. When the British army was advancing upon Washington, in the War of 1812, Dolly Madison gathered up many of the nation's most precious relics and fled with them. The Declaration of Independence she secreted in the folds of her skirt—and she left Washington just as the British entered. The nation owes a great debt to the beautiful Dolly.

If you have a note of interest and do not know which department of the WEST to send it to, send it to "Auto Graphe" care of Mr. Brodstone. This department started out to be an "Autograph Department," but now we cover the field. Gosh, there ought to be something here to interest you and instill the ambition to contribute a note or two for the ensuing issue. Forget that "Let-George-do-it" attitude and put your manly shoulder to the wheel. Thanks.

Health, typewriter, Sec. Work, and Mr. Brodstone willing, I will greet you again next month. And, to be irrelevant: "Early to bed and early to rise and you will meet very few prominent people," to quote George Ade, Esq.

Auf Weidersehn!

Washington.—All of the United States coins of the coinage of 1921 have successfully passed the official examination, according to a report completed tonight by the assay committee appointed by President Harding to test last year's coinage. Examination of the 1921 coins was made at the Philadelphia mint. The annual test was completed with a number of pieces out of each batch of metal which was melted for coinage during the year, and the committee reported that all of them were found to be fully within the requirement of the law. A resolution commending the operation of the mint and the new standard silver "peace dollar" was adopted by the committee. The committee noted its approval "of the silver dollar, commemorative of the peace following the world war, thus completing the redesigning of the entire silver coinage of the government." The resolution also notes that "the designs of the new coins have been brought to a state of artistic excellence comparing with the best coinage of existing nations."—Sent by L. Richmond.

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New York.—Postage from Petrograd to New York is 10,000 rubles, it was shown Friday when L. Krause, a resident of the Bronx, received a letter bearing ten 1,000 ruble stamps. The ruble at normal exchange was worth 51½ cents.

THOUGHTS ON ADVERTISING.

Roessler's Stamp News says: There are some dealers we wouldn't admit at any price for the reason that their prices are so obviously unfair that it would be sure to react upon our reputation for always giving bargains.

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Some of the advertisers of a year ago complained that they did not get immediate returns. One of them recently reports that he had made very satisfactory sales as the result of continued plugging. We heard of a little girl who planted a peanut one day and went out the next day expecting to see a steam peanut roaster with an Italian attachment. Advertising is not like that! If one ad spelled success there would now be 1,000,000 dealers. Use sense—and patience.

There are 1,250 Soap Manufacturers in the U. S. The majority of them evidently think that advertising can't pay—with the exception of Colgates, Larkin and a few others—but what are they out of 1,250? Of course advertising doesn't pay!

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Prof. Henry F. Osborn of Columbia university has published a paper based upon materials found by Harold J. Cook in Pliocene deposits south of Agate, Sioux county, Neb. The material is that of an advanced man-like ape which could scarcely have been expected in Nebraska. This specimen was found by Mr. Cook four or five years ago and was recently given to Professor Osborn. It is counted a very important and unexpected discovery.

INDIAN BURYING GROUND OF "BIG SPRING" KENTUCKY.

—By Elmer T. Hixon.

Exploration having been made at the Indian burying ground near "Big Spring" in Trigg county, Kentucky. This burying ground is located on a north hill side near a very large spring known as "Big Spring" near what was one time the "Maple Grove" postoffice. This method of burying seems to have been to at first dig out a cavity, or space in the ground and line or wall with stones. Upon opening these graves or vaults, many bones and skeletons have been found; some bones being of a red color. One of the vaults opened being of an unusually good structure or build, being very closely or tightly built. This vault did not become "filled" as much as did the others, after opening the cavity was still apparent, and an Indian skeleton lay in the vault. Many beads have been found in graves of this burying ground, also other relics. Some graves have been found to contain lime; this seems to have been resorted to for the purpose of decomposing the body. (Proving the Indians had learned the production of lime.) The principal formation of stone nearby being a limestone formation, hence the Indian using this variety of rock for the grave, or vault work, rock being so very numerous may well account for the various markings, etc., of the graves as well as the lining, or vaulting, rock being placed at the head of the grave which in this locality seems to have been placed to the west or "setting sun."

HITS AT FAKE INDIAN GOODS.

Washington, April 6.—To protect the public against manufactured "Indian" pottery and other handicraft and provide a sale for the genuine articles made by the Indians on about one hundred reservations, the interior department will undertake to market their products with the government's guarantee, Secretary Fall announced today. On each article the Indian wishes to sell, the department will put a label guaranteeing its genuineness.

The Indians are in competition with large manufacturers who turn out imitation work at a price difficult for the Indians to meet. Most of the manufactured Indian ware, he added, is bought as genuine.

An interesting collection of Indian material has been loaned to the historical society by Dr. Robert Small of Homer, Neb. The work has been done by the Crow Indians. Included in the collection are moccasins, hair ornaments, dolls, hat bands, purses, gloves, tobacco pouches, and suspenders, all beautifully ornamented with bead work.

Nebraska university museum has received from F. A. Flood of Deaver, Wyo., some additional fossil vertebrates. These are bones of a fossil bison of large size which used to rove the great plains. At least four forms of fossil bison are known in Nebraska and Wyoming, some of them being of enormous size. The Museum has received from Francis S. Darth, '25, a fine example of an upper molar tooth of a great Columbian mammoth.

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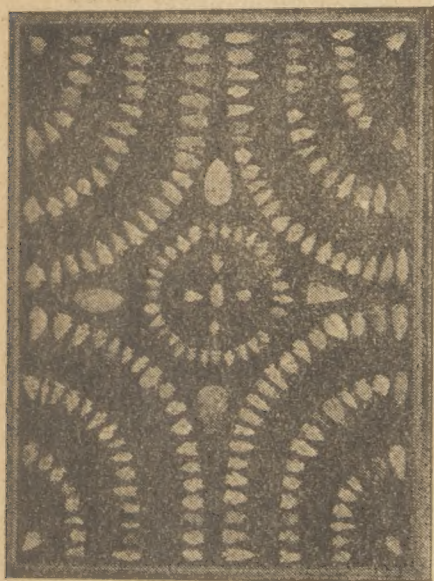
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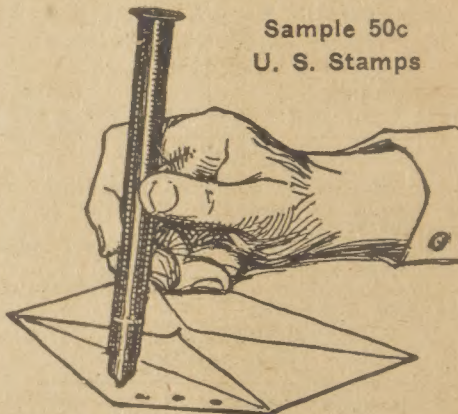
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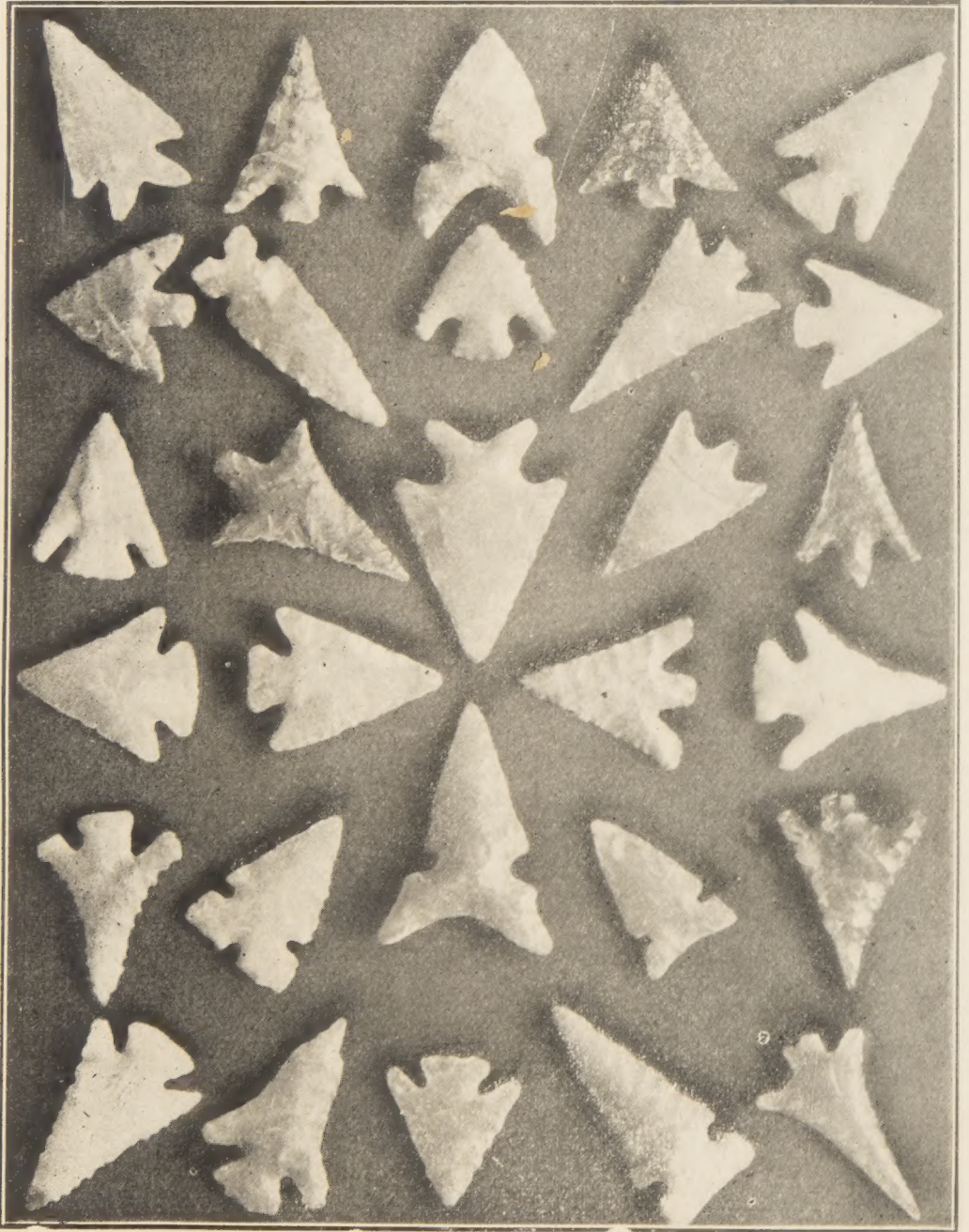
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THE PHILATELIC WEST

AROUND THE PHILATELIC WORLD WITH RALPH L. KING.

The last ports chronicled in The West were the Straits, India and Sudan. My co-editor, William J. Smith, of Waukegan, Ill., who is just completing an eight months' world tour, remembered me "handsomely" in Palestine by gathering up a large lot of those nifty surcharges from the Holy Land. Among the new ones yet unchronicled were the 1 and 5 mil. and 1 Pl. in black, with Hebrew inscription, the word "Palestine" being printed in Egyptian instead of Roman capitals. The one piastre stamp in the Roman type is overprinted in silver. He picked up all the 1920 varieties with the exception of the 20 piastre. This issue is not floating about any too plentifully among the American dealers, and therefore my three pages of pairs, blocks and strips, used and on part cover look good to me. The preceding issue was complete but Nos. 1 and 2 were missing.

Strange to say, the traveller did not locate a thing in Turkey that I did not have or that was not chronicled. Those Turkish dealers must be shooting the stuff to this country pretty fast.

A mint set from the Rome postoffice netted one new value, the 50 cent. special delivery, type SD1, surcharged "Cent. 50" in black in type large enough to practically obliterate the original denomination and numerals.

From another source I have just received a five centavos Argentina, presumably issued for the Pan-American Women's Congress at Washington, which opened last month. It shows the figure of a woman with both arms fully outstretched, holding an envelope in each hand. In the background is pictured about three-fourths of the Globe, showing the tail of South America pointing east, the artist apparently not having recovered from the effects of the world war, the earth being a rather topsy-turvy affair, according to his work in this instance. Near the bottom of the stamp, at the left is a ship, a telegraph pole along the shore, while on the opposite side of the woman's figure is shown a train under full steam. In a large label at the top is the inscription, "Primer Congreso Postal Panamericano." The stamp is red and is watermarked large multiple Suns. Outside of the fact that the north and south poles of the earth are pointing east and west the rest of the stamp is a nice piece of work, and the picture of the woman is as handsome as the photographs of some of her real life sisters who attended the Pan-American Woman's Congress.

From the same source I received three Austrian stamps, five, seven and one-half and ten Kroner values, which apparently aren't intended to convey anything but value in postage; looks like the government didn't have money enough this time to hire an artist.

Have just received my first copy of the five centimes, France, sower type, printed in vermillion, formerly issued in green.

NEW IRISH STAMPS.

The Irish Free State Government has prepared the new Irish stamps which will be issued early in July. The designs are all representative of Irish lore and tradition, and include (I) a Celtic Cross, (II) Map of Ireland, (III) Erin with harp, (IV) Arms of the Province of Ulster, Munster, Leinster, and Connaught, and (V) Crossed Hurleys—the sticks of the national game. Another value is expected to bear the picture of the Irish Wolfhound, but the design has not been definitely fixed.

THE PRE-CANCEL CLUB OF AMERICA.

This society has just closed its first convention held in Denver, August 1, 2 and 3. It was a great success. Ten active members present, four of whom came great distances especially to attend this session. President V. W. Rotnem who opened the convention and George Danielson came from Minneapolis, Judge James K. Doughty from Lamar, Colo., and Fred Wetherington from Pocatello, Idaho. All regretted very much that Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Paonia, Colo., could not be present owing to the very serious illness of Mrs. Mitchell. The Denver stamp club acted as host and they sure did do things up fine. The Albany hotel was headquarters and placed a large room at their disposal for the entire session.

The convention was called to order by President Rotnem promptly at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The delegates were welcomed by President Charles Nast of the Denver stamp club. The attendance of collectors' friends and others not actively members of the Pre-Cancel club was excellent. The newspapers treated the boys more than fair. Every day the three dailies kept the public well informed and many old collectors and new ones were welcomed at each session.

The usual committees on credentials and election were appointed and the club adjourned to Wednesday August 2. At the morning session report of the national officers were read showing that the society is now on a firm footing. Membership to date is 131. The secretary-treasurer, Roy C. Frank, reported total receipts \$150.60, expense \$135.01. The balance on hand is \$15.59. In the insurance fund on which no claims were made there is \$23.13. Exchange Manager J. S. Burns reported 53 books received, value \$315.61. Sales Manager C. W. Haynes reported 193 books had been received to July 1922, value \$2,014.12. Retired 12, value \$136.30, leaving 181 books in circulation, valued at \$1,987.82. Committees were appointed as follows: On election Frank C. Weertz and F. Wetherington. On a constitution to be ratified by the board of directors later, Messrs. Davis, Nast and Danielson. On the Pre-cancelled stamp catalog Messrs. Kringle, Doughty, F. Mertz and V. W. Rotnem. The result of the election as certified by the committee was as follows: President, J. C. Kringle having been elected by 41 votes, a total of all sent in; First vice president, D. D. Berelsheimer, 23; Western 12, Sharp 6; Secretary-treasurer, J. Maxfield Brue 28, Gratis Comstock 14. Directors: W. J. Mitchell, 38; Fred Allen, 24; George Danielson, 23; William H. Field, 12; John L. Parker, 16; Fred Fisher, 12. The first three were declared elected.

The committee on constitution reported a frame work and made many suggestions, chief of which were: The name of the society to be changed to be "The Pre-Cancelled Stamp Society." That the directors be called "Trustees." That the three trustees all live in one city and that they be appointed by the President. That the official organ be allowed 75 cents per member and that it be voted for annually like any other officer. Vacancies caused by death or resignation of any officer to be filled by president until next annual meeting. All the recommendations were well received and on motion of Judge Doughty they were declared to be the sense of the convention then in session.

The committee on catalog reported considerable discontent with the present pre-cancel catalog, recommending that the publisher call to his aid the leading philatelists of each state on the theory that pre-cancelled collectors would know better the actual value and price of stamps in their na-

tive state. Co-operation was strongly advised in pricing precancels.

The convention adjourned, subject to call of the board of directors. The outstanding feature of the gathering was the banquet at the Albany hotel. This was a rip roaring success. The menu was excellent. It was expected that Mr. Godfrey Schirmer would act as Toastmaster but an important engagement out of town prevented. His place was taken by Mr. Charles A. Nast whose address and experience proved him to be an old hand at the business. Messrs. Rotnem, Doughty, Kringle, Davis, Bradbury, Wetherington and others all responded in splendid fashion. During the feast a 3-cent Victory pre-cancelled "Augusta, Ga" was presented to each guest as a souvenir of the occasion, the gift of Mr. Bob Sharp of Augusta. The boys were more than pleased with this reminder of Mr. Sharp's thoughtfulness. At the close of the dinner an auction was had followed by exhibitions of various kinds. The attendance by 9 o'clock had increased to 40 persons. Mr. Charles Huseher came in from Golden, Colo., to with the boys. All voted the convention a glorious success, and the 2nd annual will have to go some to beat it.

TO CHANGE U. S. STAMP DESIGNS.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Postage stamps ranging in denomination from 1 cent to \$5 are to undergo radical changes as to design and color, with a view to preventing losses by the postoffice department due to lack of distinctive features, it was announced today. All stamps ranging in denomination from 1 cent to 7 cents now bear the portrait of George Washington, while an etching of Benjamin Franklin appears on those ranging from 8 cents to \$5. The department contemplates retaining the Washington and Franklin portraits upon certain of the stamps, but, it was said, will substitute portraits of other leading figures in American history on the others.

The department was of the opinion, it was explained, that different designs and colors would enable postal employees to detect more readily short paid matter.

AMERICAN STAMPS OF '61 BRING HIGH PRICES IN PARIS

Paris.—Philatelists today paid 400,000 francs for stamps, most of them American Confederate States and local provisional issues, at the opening day of the fourth instalment of the auction of the collection of Ferrari-di la Renotiere.

The highest price paid today was 25,850 francs for a pair of Livingston, Ala., five-cent glues on a letter. Nearly all the important issues sold today went to Americans, principally to Boston, who purchased back stamps he had bought for Ferrari, whose agent Colson was in the United States prior to the World War. These stamps have more than doubled in value.

Some of the stamps sold today are the only known specimens extant. They included a pair of Jetersville, Va., five-cent blacks. They brought 11,162 francs. Fifty Mount Lebanon, La., five-cent reds brought 15,852 francs; fifty New Smyrna, Fla., ten-cent and one-cent blacks, 11,750 francs, and a Beckman's Post, Charleston, S. C., 1860 two-cent on bluish paper, 5,875 francs.

—Sent by Hanford.

U. S. permits are still climbing. The latest I have seen went over the 5000 mark. By a chemical concern No. 5140, 1 cent red. A 2c No. 4465. A Philadelphia 1c No. 810. By the way a No. 1 Mailometer. These cancellations seem not to come fast.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.—By R. J. Tarpy.

Am very much surprised to find that in spite of all that has been written in the stamp papers about the 2c and 3c re-valued envelopes many generally well informed collectors are at sea as to just what are the varieties comprising this series.

Perhaps it was on account of so much being published which was not correct and when corrections appeared they were not noted or else not understood. Also the fact that Bartel's list of towns using the dies was changed in some respects to conform to the government list of "dies issued" has caused further confusion.

There were just four types of overprinting dies regularly issued by the P. O. Dept. and they are called by collectors types I, II, III, and IV. Besides these there were several "home made" dies used by various Postmasters without authority but this article will deal only with the Department emissions.

Type I is called the "rejected die" and consists of a large figure 2 and the word CENTS printed across the impression of the stamp: there is only one die variety and it was used only at Washington and only temporarily, being rejected because it did not cancel the figures of value on the stamp and looked ill balanced, hence the term "rejected die."

Type II is the first type issued for use in the "Universal" cancelling machine. It is the type with large outline figure 2 and horizontal cancelling bars. It comes in three varieties and is listed as follows:

Washington II—1. St. Louis II—2. Chicago II—3.

Type II is the type issued for use in "international" cancelling machines. There are eleven varieties all of which show small figure twos, supposed to fall directly on the head, and vertical cancelling bars "far apart," four on each side and supposed to hit directly over the figure threes.

These figure twos all differ in some respects and are listed by collectors as follows:

New York 1 III-1, New York 2 III-2, Boston III-3, Philadelphia III-4, Cleveland III-5, Oklahoma City III-6, Indianapolis III-7, Columbus III-8, St. Louis III-9, Chicago III-10, San Francisco III-11.

These are all the type III ever found; var. 9 and 10 were formerly called Washington 2 and 3 but were changed to conform to the Government list.

Type IV is the second type issued for use in "universal" cancelling machines. They are similar to type III in general plan all having a small figure 2 supposed to strike on the head of the stamp but the cancelling bars, while vertical the same as type III, are in this type "close together." There are thirty varieties of this type and it is in this type that collectors are most confused.

There would appear to have been several more varieties of this type furnished to the government but they have never been found. The thirty known varieties are listed as follows:

Pittsburg IV—1.

Seattle IV—2.

St. Paul IV—3.

Des Moines IV—4.

Kansas City IV—5.

Los Angeles IV—6.

St. Louis IV—7.

Omaha IV—16.

Washington IV—17.

New Orleans IV—18.

Portland IV—19.

Charleston IV—20.

Butte IV—21.

Ithaca IV—22.

Denver IV—8.
 Detroit IV—9.
 Minneapolis IV—10.
 Atlanta IV—11.
 Milwaukee IV—12.
 Cincinnati IV—13.
 San Antonio IV—14.
 Jacksonville IV—15.

Baltimore IV—23.
 Little Rock IV—24.
 Nashville IV—25.
 Brooklyn IV—26.
 Salt Lake City IV—27.
 Meridian IV—28.
 Grand Rapids IV—29.
 Manchester IV—30.

This is all there is and any other found so far are duplicates of one of the above. Kansas City was first called Washington; Ithaca, Louisville; Nashville, Memphis; but were changed to conform to the Government list. Spokane has been listed but is the same as Seattle, Buffalo, Portland, Montgomery, Jacksonville, San Juan, Ithaca, and several others as Norfolk, Va., etc., were listed separately for a while but were really duplicates of one or another of the forty-five known types.

The overprinting seems to be mostly all done and while a few varieties come to light now and then the big bulk are done with. The writer has 1740 varieties listed and probably if every copy held by collectors in the U. S. could be seen and properly classified the number would run close to 2000 as there is no doubt that there are many varieties not listed held among the accumulations of used envelopes which many collectors, who are not actively interested in envelopes, hold.

It is interesting to note how far short of completeness the known varieties fall. If every known variety was complete, from the cut square collectors standpoint, including the extra quality white paper varieties, it would take 310 varieties to complete a cut square collection but not many more than half this number are known.

While if "complete" from the entire collectors requirements they would reach the staggering total of 5,670 varieties. Somewhat less than one third of this number have ever been found and about 1,300 varieties is the most known in any collection.

The above figures and the fact that in the current series for instance there is a "possibility" of 250 or more distinct, easily identified varieties account for the great fascination which envelope collecting has for those who once acquaint themselves with a knowledge of the various dies, knives, sizes, papers and watermarks which make the different varieties in a collection of entires.

The current series is the smallest in years, some of them, the re-cuts of the 1903 series or the 1907 series (the first issue of the Mercantile Corporation) run over 10000 varieties to the series.

Just imagine the furore there would be if the 1c, 2c 4c and 5c adhesives of any series of recent years would show from 250 to 1000 varieties to the series. As an easily accessible field of specialism with a constant chance for finds, entire envelopes have anything beat, unless it is pre-cancels, and there are known varieties of 20th century entires which are rarer than any known U. S. adhesive.

Many envelopes selling now at \$5.00 to \$25.00 would be priced in the hundreds if entire collecting or even cut square collecting ever became half as popular as adhesives are.

A U. S. specialist will grow enthusiastic over a minor variety of a surface print two cent or three cent which it takes a glass to discover or measure

with calipers to see if a coil stamp is flat plate or rotary, but pay no attention to envelope die varieties which can be distinguished with the naked eye half way across the room. And if any one doubts that a collection of envelopes takes some hunting let them try to complete even a cut square collection of 20th century envelopes to say nothing of the older issues with their well known rarities. The stocks of all the dealers in the country will not furnish a complete collection regardless of price.

The indications are that the J. M. Bartels Co. will soon issue a catalogue of 20th Century U. S. Entire Stamped Envelopes. This will surely fill a long felt want as the last edition was published in 1911. There have been several partial lists issued in the meantime but they are incomplete and out of date. Any reader who feels that this would be a good thing can help the cause along by writing to Mr. Bartels and expressing his sentiments.

Waterloo, Iowa, has just recently started to use a new type of pre-cancel. It is on the order of Bushnells U18. Several values are now in use 1c, 2c 5c and 10c and all values except 13c from 1c to 30c have been printed.

The last time the old plate was put to press there was a stock of postage dues pre-cancelled. Several shades, and including the 1c, 2c, 10c for certain and I have been told the 5c as well but haven't seen it. Some normal and inverted both and of course both type II and III. These dues in type II will be very rare.

PHILATELIC NEWS.—By La Philatlie Francaise, Paris.

The great Parisian philatelic event of this month is the "Congress of the French Philatelic Societies". At the Exhibition of Mulhouse, last year, where a first Congress was held, it had been decided to make a federation of all the French Philatelic Societies. The Congress of Paris which was held on June 3rd, 4th et 5th has elaborated the rules of the new federation. Besides the Congress a stamp market was opened and a good many French, also a few foreign Philatelists made some important transactions.

These philatelic feasts were closed by a Banquet and a Tombola and it was decided that the next Congress would be held, in Lyon, in 1923.

The 3rd sale of the Ferrari's Collection obtained the highest prices. Naturally the Guyana 1 cent of 1856 has beaten all records and was sold over Frs. \$350,000. It is most certain that this enormous price, paid for a single stamp, made a great sensation abroad and in France on the public of non-philatelists. We therefore believe that the recent increase of business is partly due to the publicity made for the Ferrari's collection. It must then be recognized that, if the too frequent sales by auction should be avoided because they hinder the stamp trade, such remarkable attractive sales are to be encouraged by all means.

The flood of new issues goes up every day and, however, what a quantity of the new issued stamps are without any interest!

Amongst the novelties, two must be mentioned for their beauty: the Charity stamps of Austria which are done in fine copper-print and represent the portraits of world-known Austrian musicians and the stamp issued for war invalids in Belgium and which was engraved by the American Bank Note Co. This last stamp may be considered as a master-piece.

UNITED STATES STAMPS FETCH HIGH PRICES.

Some high prices were paid for good specimens of early United States stamps at the J. M. Bartels Company's 100th auction sale recently. The sale showed that philatelists are specializing more in collecting American stamps on the old covers. That such stamps often bring many times the catalogue price was shown by the payment of 72dols.50 for two copies of the 1847 black 10 cent stamp, the first regular Government issue on an envelope sent from Boston to Baltimore. For a single stamp 25dols. is the standard value. For a strip of three 10 cent stamps of the 1857 issue on an envelope addressed to Germany 66dols. was paid, the stamps being of the type I. variety. A striking illustration of the desirability of multiple stamps on one envelope was seen in the payment of 21 dols.50 for a strip of three 30 cent stamps, 1857 issue, which, in separate specimens, are valued at 2dols.25 each. An odd piece with eight 2-cent stamps, 1873, postmarked at Yokohama, sold for 8dols.50, the individual stamps being worth but a few cents. The high price was due to the unusual use of ordinary United States stamps, cancelled at Yokohama. The highest price at the sale was 101dols. for a 1-cent, 1851 issue, type 1a, with complete scrolls at the bottom and the line broken at the top. Two strips of four each of the 1 and 2 cent, 1902 issue in coils, such as could be bought for a few cents a short time ago, sold for 31dols., believed to be a record price for this variety. There were some good copies of foreign issues. A Philippine Island 5-cent stamp, 1854 on the envelope, sold for 50dols. Two German Samoa stamps overprinted with English values in 1914 soon after Great Britain took possession of that German Island, fetched over 60dols. each.—New York Times.

Edmarle Stamp Collector says: There is one thing, at least, which they do better in Germany than here; we refer to the matter of handling guides for beginning stamp collectors. If you start a young friend—or an older one, for that matter—as a collector and generously donate a few hundred duplicates to help him along, that is all right as far as it goes, but it is not enough; you will also have to give him the multifarious information for which he will naturally be seeking, and unless you are a walking encyclopedia of philately yourself, you may often have to confess your own ignorance. How often do collectors wish for a handy compendium of philatelic information which they could pass out to beginners and thus give them the information in a nutshell which will make real philatelists of them! There is no such beginners' guide published in this country, though there is great need of one. In Germany a great firm is doing its best to provide for the same want felt there; their Leitfaden or Beginners' Guide, before us for review has already reached its fifth edition and presents itself in enlarged and improved form. The little book—not so very little at that, as it comprises 132 pages—is indeed a compendious guide through all the difficulties that beset the novice in philately, and one who has mastered its contents has acquired a vast fund of valuable information such as many older collectors, dependent on haphazard sources, do not possess. Judge for yourself from a cursory review of its contents. The author begins by advising on the question of what to collect and proceeds to tell how to collect. He advises the beginner as to condition, purchase and exchange, tells of the various kinds of stamps, deals with the treatment of stamps, their cleaning and preservation, their identification by country, issue, method of printing, color, separation, paper, water-

mark, etc., their preservation and the album question; describes in detail the various methods of engraving and printing, tells about errors, proofs, reprints, forgeries, cancellations, frauds, the accessories of the collector; all this in plain, concise language with a wealth of illustrations that makes everything clear to the beginner. We wish that we had a similar work here; lacking this we cordially recommend this book to everyone even passably conversant with German as worth far more than the small purchase price, being in reality a pocket cyclopedia of philately. Why don't A. P. S. get one?

EARLY STAMP TRADING IN NEW YORK.

That veteran stamp dealer of the United States, Mr. William P. Brown, has had his attention drawn to a recent article on the late Mr. John Walter Scott, who organized the first stamp auctions in London and New York. Mr. Brown is now in his eightieth year and spends considerable time in his garden in the suburbs of New York, and the rest of his time in the Mail Order business in stamps and coins. He is probably the oldest living dealer.

Mr. Brown very kindly furnishes us with a precise version of Scott's start in the stamp business.

"I was keeping a stand, where I sold stamps and coins, on the Park railing, corner of Chambers Street and Broadway, about 1862, when John Walter Scott, who had come over from London seeking employment sold me his stamp collection for \$10. A week or so after he came again and said he had been looking for work and could not find any and thought he would enlist in the Army. I told him I had no objection to his enlisting, but did not like to see him do so for that reason, and if he wanted something to give him a living I would let him have \$100 worth of stock on credit, and he could open up a stand by the side of me. He thanked me for the plan, which he accepted, and 20 years later, when my stock was burned out in a fire, he reciprocated by offering to lend me \$1,000 to start up in business again. He was one of the most interesting talkers I ever heard, which doubtless contributed largely to his success in business."

From some of Mr. Brown's current pamphlets we gather that he claims to have been the first dealer in stamps in the United States. He was dealing in coins in 1860, "when the fad for stamps sprang up; and saw the mania for collecting spread for some time confined to exchanging only until money began to be offered for them, then we plunged in."

"In 1872," we learn from the same source, "we issued a very complete catalogue for that time, and among other stamps, bought from a boy two of the 2c. Hawaiian missionary stamps, which we sold to Count Ferrary of Paris at \$25 each. One of these was sold last year at auction for over \$10,000."—Stamp Fortnightly.

The Belgian government has just issued a very handsome engraved stamp to be sold at 40 centimes (2d.) of which 20c. will be devoted to the disabled soldiers' fund. The stamp is printed in a dark sepia brown, and bears a medallion with King Albert's portrait, and a semi nude figure with a bandaged head. The stamp is the work of the American Bank Note Company.

The new Russian foreign letter rate, it is reported, will be 5,000 roubles and that for postcards 2,000 roubles.

WHAT PHILATELY TEACHES.—By John H. Luff.

There is no book that owes so much to its illustrations as does a stamp album. The book exists for its pictures and they cover a very vast field. Mr. Luff points out that philately is even more instructive than matrimony.

"Ven you're a married man, Samuel, you'll understand a good many things as you don't understand now but vether its worth while going through as much to learn so little, as the charity boy said ven he got to the end of the alphabet, is a matter o' taste. I rather think it isn't," said the elder Mr. Weller.

But philately can teach even the unwilling and careless, as the design attracts notice—especially some of the modern problem pictures.

The Columbian issue of 1893 probably made more collectors than any other illustration, and we know of some who specialize in the pictures of Columbus, and many who confine their attention to King's Heads.

For those who like the bizarre there is the Washerwoman of Victoria, or the hideous Merry Widow of the U. S. A., or the Obock picture entitled "The Missionary at Dinner with the Native Chiefs." For further particulars of the missionary inquire within.

Zoological pictures abound, including the North Borneo crocodile with fine open countenance, and the Tasmanian platypus paradoxus, and many other weird animals.

Of the allegorical pictures of pre-war days we always held the finest to be the extraordinary phenomenon of a messenger boy actually running on special delivery.

We envy the Sultan of Turkey who was unable to write, and so signed imperial decrees by dipping his fingers in ink and placing them on the documents with three fingers close together and the little finger and thumb extended, as reproduced on the early stamps of Turkey.

By a swift transition Mr. Luff plunges his readers into the various solutions required by process of printing, before dealing with the paper on which our pictures were reproduced and their perforations. But whether the designs be naval, geographical, portrait, or whimsical, we believe our hobby of collecting and studying the pictures is too well established to join those pursuits which once had their day.

There were the croakers of old times who said that speculative issues would kill stamps, just as there were those who said the war would kill collecting.

But the habit is so engrained that, if money had failed, we should barter.
—Stamp Collecting.

The Collectors of Dallas, Texas, meet regularly at the Y. M. C. A. there, to swap, exchange and buy and sell stamps. While the club is composed mostly of younger collectors at the same time it is receiving much attention. A hobby show will be held at the Y. by the club early in May. A large frame of stamps prepared by A. Englehardt of Dallas is on display in the lobby and drawing considerable attention and interest.—Sent by Guest.

Encouraging boys in the hobby of stamp collecting has been a subject worth discussing, but no interest has been shown by different philatelic societies until quite recently. Many stamp societies and clubs have taken the trouble of having a boys' night.

POSTAL CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

Here are some of the more recent advertising cancellations which have come to my notice.

Madison, Wis., in three lines: 32d. DIV. REUNION MADISON-WISCONSIN AUG. 26-29, 1922. Between first and second lines an arrow pointing to right.

Denver, Colo., in four lines: ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK OPEN JUNE 15th TO OCTOBER 19th.

Chicago, Ill., in four lines: PAGEANT OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION CHICAGO JULY 29-AUG. 14, 1922.

Worcester, Mass., in four lines: WORCESTER BICENTENNIAL 1722-1922 JUNE 14- JULY 4.

Great Falls, Mont., in three lines: VISIT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.

Tacoma, Wash., in four lines: SEE RAINIER NATIONAL PARK VIA TACOMA SEASON JUNE-SEPT. 1922.

Eureka, Calif., in three lines: SAVE THE REDWOODS.

Kalispell, Mont., in three lines, banner design: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.

Dubuque, Iowa, in three lines: ADDRESS DUBUQUE MAIL TO NEW STREET AND NEW NUMBER.

Torrington, Conn., in three lines: HAVE YOUR MAIL ADDRESSED TO STREET AND NUMBER.

I have noticed the following cancellations from Canada:

Vancouver, B. C., in four lines: ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER.

Edmonton, Alta., in four lines: ADVISE YOUR CORRESPONDENTS OF YOUR CORRECT POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Winnipeg, Man., in five lines: HELP SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND FAMINE RELIEF ELGIN BLDG., OTTOWA.

Toronto, Ont., in four lines: CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TORONTO AUG. 26-1922- SEPT. 9.

Hamilton, Ont., in four lines: PROTECT THE BIRDS AND HELP THE CROPS.

Toronto, Ont., in five lines: DO NOT PLACE MONEY IN UNREGISTERED MAIL.

Port Arthur, Ont., in three lines: WORK AND PROVIDE WORK TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT.

Toronto, Ont., in four lines: REGISTER LETTERS OF VALUE.

Several of these cancellations are used by other offices than those indicated.

Stamp collecting is decidedly "It" mainly as a result of the Great War, and there is a truly tremendous demand by collectors for "more stamps." Dealers everywhere testify to this fact, and indications show that the coming season will be the greatest in the history of philately. The arrival of the new catalogue will work as a stimulus to collecting.

S. W. Hacker, Peru, Nebr., has just issued a revised list of U. S. post cards. Mr. Hacker will send this new list free of charge to any collector who purchased one of the first edition. Just return the old list with postage for reply.

DEMOCRATIC STAMP DESIGNS.

Stamp designs are apt to reflect the trend of public opinion. On the stamp issues of the New World emblems of authority and autocracy are being replaced by allegories of industry and tokens of democracy.

The dignity of Labour is the predominant motif with modern stamp artists. Germany has discarded the ill-omened mail-clad figure of "Germania" in favor of illustrations of the such necessary arts of peace as coal-mining, iron-founding, husbandry, etc. The latest Austrian stamps are devoted to allegories of agriculture and the arts. Industry in all its phases is enshrined upon the stamps of Soviet Russia, where the hammer and sickle of Bolshevism have succeeded the Imperial Eagle as the national emblem. Roty's graceful figure of the Sower has for long adorned French stamps and Fernandez's Reaper those of Portugal and Colonies. Recent stamp issues of Poland, Azerbaijan, Czecho-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Lithuania, Saar, etc., all include industrial subjects. Another example is afforded by the new stamps of Esthonia, embodying, so far, two designs by the Finnish artist, Th. Bjornstrom, the one representing a woman seated at a loom (values 2 Mk. green and 2½ Mk. purple), and the other a blacksmith at his anvil (5 Mk. rose and 10 Mk. blue).

The latest varieties of air post stamps come from the South American Republic of Colombia, where a weekly mail service by aeroplane is maintained between Barranquilla and Geradet by a private company under contract with the Government.

A series of 13 distinctive postage stamps printed from the new general key-plate for the Spanish Colonies has been supplied to the little known territory of La Aguera, situate to the south of Cape Bojador on the West African mainland, opposite the Canary Islands, which takes its name from its discoverer, an officer in the Spanish Navy.—London Times.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

Man must have a hobby—a sort of safety valve through which he may work off his surplus enthusiasm, something to sort of take his mind off the heavier things of the world, a recreation, perhaps, in which he may find rest and pleasure even though his faculties trot right along. For some it's golf; for others it's the camera; while others collect coins or old books.

And there's the stamp collector, who, while piling up a store of valuable curios in the way of little paper stickers used by various countries for the purpose of forwarding mail, gets a valuable education in geography, water-marks, perforations, cancellations, ornithology, zoology and half a dozen other "ologies."

It's an interesting hobby and the deeper into it one goes the more interesting it becomes. It's a big man's hobby, as well as a little one's, for while there are stamps valued at a few cents, there are others, like the one penny Mauritius of 1847, which is so valuable that it is not even catalogued, and of which only ten are known to be in existence, and the two cent Hawaiian of 1851, catalogued at \$5,000.

There are professors at Michigan Agricultural College who spend their spare time in adding to their stamp collections. There is one big business man in Lansing who has a collection famous throughout the entire state of Michigan, and there are "kids" in town who are devotees of the game.

It's a fascinating hobby and the "kids" take to it like a duck takes to

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water. And any old time the "kid" brings home a few funny looking foreign stamps and begs for a few cents with which to purchase an album, don't let him get away before placing a large O. K. on the proposition, for if there were more kid stamp collectors in the country, there would be a marked decrease in the business of our juvenile courts.—Lansing (Mich.) Capital News.

STAMP COLLECTORS BUY NOW FROM U. S.

Washington.—Stamp collectors have purchased more than \$12,000 of stamps from the Post Office Department since the philatelic (stamp collecting) agency was created January 1.

This represents the actual face value of the stamps, and not the intrinsic value placed on them because of rare issues or peculiar markings that enter into the collector's valuation.

During the month of March sales reached \$6,500. January sales were between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Postmasters throughout the country have been called upon to send to the philatelic agency all remaining lots of old or rare issues they have in stock to supply the requests of collectors. The Shanghai postal agency has been directed to send back all stamps with the Shanghai over-print, which are in great demand by collectors. The complete set of Shanghai issue, ranging from 1 cent to \$2 stamps, sells at \$2.82.

NEW YORK STAMP CLUB TO BUILD HOME.

Announcement was made at the annual meeting last month of the New York Philatelic Society that, to accommodate the increasing membership, which is now 400, a building committee has been appointed to raise funds for the purchase of a suitable home. The club's headquarters are at 20 East 125th Street. Among the members are many of the best known postage stamp collectors in this city, and among its non-resident members are collectors from many parts of Europe and Asia. The recent inauguration of club stamp auctions on Monday evenings for members has proved a very popular feature.

John L. Stroub was elected President for the coming year. K. Strand and S. Kleimann were chosen Vice Presidents, E. Weiss, Secretary; E. Bondheim, Treasurer; D. Trautmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors and G. Rothmann, Chairman of the building committee.—N. Y. Times.

A special set of new Austrian charity stamps has just been issued, to be sold at 10 times their face value. The set consists of seven, ranging in value from 2½ to 100 kronen and bearing finely executed portraits of seven famous musicians—Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart, Haydn, Bruckner, Hugo, Wolff and Johann Strauss.

A novel contest to test philatelic knowledge was held at Brighton the other day. Twenty-five stamps were mounted face-downwards, and the competitors were required to identify the stamps from their backs. We are not told what the stamps were or how many were successfully named by the prize-winner.

The A. P. S. has over \$100,000.00 worth of stamps in its Sales Department. This must be a record and speaks well for the work of J. E. Guest who is Supt. of this flourishing Department.

FIRST NEW YORK STAMP SOLD FOR \$1,000.

Stamp collectors and dealers have been much interested recently in the news from London that a superb pair of the New York 5-cent postmaster's stamps on the original envelope sold at auction in London on May 6 for £225, equivalent, at the rate of exchange then, to about \$1,000. Good copies of the stamp are quoted by dealers here at from \$40 to \$50, and while pairs on original envelopes often sell for high prices, J. M. Bartels said last week that \$250 or \$300 would be an exceptional price.

The stamps were purchased by A. Leon Adutt, an English collector, who has specialized in rare United States varieties. The sale in which the stamps appeared was held under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic Society of London in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the first postage stamp auction in London. All of the stamps in the sale were contributed by private collectors and dealers, the proceeds to go toward the expenses of the International Stamp Exhibition in London next year. Mr. Adutt is actively interested in the coming event and stamp dealers are inclined to believe many buyers virtually contributed their share of the funds for the exhibition in making far more generous bids than would have been the case in any regular auction. Many other stamps at the anniversary sale brought prices in excess of their catalogue value.

The forthcoming London exhibition, which will be held in Horticultural Hall, will attract a number of Americans and plans are being made to send over portions of some of the best private collections in the United States. The Collectors' Club of this city has attested to its interest by offering a grand gold medal as one of the awards.

The New York postmaster stamp, issued in 1845, two years before the first Government adhesive stamp issue, is not one of the great postmaster stamp rarities, but it has always held a peculiar interest for philatelists, partly in view of the admirably engraved head of Washington. The stamps were freely used and up to a few years ago good copies were obtainable for \$5 to \$10 but within the past two years the price has advanced for average good and perfect copies.

The New York stamp still contains one mystery which philatelic students have been unable to solve. The name of the engraver is unknown, and in the latest monograph issued on the stamp, by A. Hatfield Jr. of this city, nothing more convincing is given than presented by other writers. Mr. Hatfield calls attention to this perplexing question, and he presents an opinion which seems to be plausible.

"There are indications," he says, "which lead me to the opinion that the engraver was no other than that gifted British artist, William Humphreys, who later engraved the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamp die (1853), the first New England die (1855), Ceylon (1855), St. Helena (1856) and others. Humphreys had spent many years in America prior to coming back here and in his obituary notice in The Art Journal (1865) it is stated that he engraved the portrait of Washington for United States stamps. This might have referred to the first government issue of 1847, but, if so, the same printers printed the 1845 New York stamp and the 1847 United States Government issue and may have employed the same engraver."

The New York stamp, which was printed in black, was printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson of New York, the firm that later became the

American Bank Note Company. There is a record that they paid the engraver for the steel plate \$40.—N. Y. Paper.

STAMP COLLECTING FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.—By J. S. Reese.

In the year 1875, while living in a small city in the state of Ohio, being then sixteen years of age, I became infected with the stamp collecting germ. At various times for several months previous to this event I had noticed in some of the literary journals received in our home small advertisements relating to "Stamp Collecting." They bore headlines such as "Foreign Postage Stamps for Sale." Some ads mentioned 10 to 25 varieties for 10 cents

Others would offer "1,000 finely mixed continentals for 50 or 60 cents." I was curious and began to wonder what all this referred to. Finally I sent to a dealer in Northfield, Vermont, for a price list of stamps. After receiving the circulars and making careful and complete inspection of their contents I decided to send for several cheap packets. A number of my school mates at the same time sent for a few packets also. We wished to discover just what there was in the diversion of stamp collecting. We all anxiously waited for the arrival of the stamps. Many trips to the post office were made (there was no mail delivery by carrier at that time) to see if the wonders had arrived. When they finally came we quickly took them and hiked away to a secluded spot in our barn to examine our trophies as we regarded them. While the stamps were all quite common varieties yet they at once met with our approval and admiration. Each one of us then and there started a collection. I think I became the most enthusiastic philatelist of the crowd.

By exchanging principally and purchasing occasionally some specimens, I acquired quite a fine and valuable collection in a few years. I remember that, on several occasions during our searchings through attics and old trunks, of finding several dozen of the New York 5c 1845, and the U. S. 1847 five and ten cent issues. Also finds of several hundred of various values of the 1869 issue and earlier issues of U. S. At that time these specimens were not so rare and high-priced as they are today, so we did not question their real market value. I disposed of many of them in exchange to collectors and dealers at only a few cents each. On one occasion I received from a New York dealer one dollar for quite a lot of the 1847 and 1869 issues. The cash looked good to me at that time. Today, no doubt, that very lot of stamps would bring a handsome sum. We boys then did not have a catalogue from which to learn the true value of our specimens. We just exchanged stamp for stamp and purchased specimens without regard to value in order to increase the number in our collections.

Philatelic auctions have, without doubt, been the making of Stamp Collecting and inter alia have been the making of fortunes for many collectors who in the first place would not have been collectors except for this safety valve, and of good incomes for hundreds of dealers in the smaller way, who could not have supplied themselves with a stock without the advent of the recognized stamp auctions.

COLLECTION OF BRITISH STAMPS INTERESTING.

At a recent meeting of the Delaware Stamp Club, Walter D. Bush, Jr., one of the members exhibited an interesting selection of stamps of Great Britain, showing a number of varieties to be found, among the cheaper stamps of that country.

The line engraved stamps of Great Britain are among the most interesting stamps of any country. As is well known the finest adhesive postage stamp issued by any government was the one penny black stamp issued May 1, 1840, by Great Britain. This stamp shows the head of Queen Victoria, copied from the medal of the City of London, engraved by William Wyon, with the words "Postage" above, and "One Penny" below, with the check letters in the two lower corners and stars in the upper corners. When lightly cancelled this is one of the most beautiful stamps ever issued. It was printed from 11 different plates, all made from the same die. Each plate was touched up by the engraver, making small differences in each stamp, which can be found with the aid of a magnifying glass, enabling the collector to determine the plate from which each particular stamp was printed.

Copies of this stamp were shown in the collection with broken stars, double lines, broken letters, letters joined together, letter S inverted, and various other slight differences. Some were cancelled with the red and some with the black maltese cross, the first cancellation used. There were also several of these stamps on the original envelopes or letter sheet, one post-marked July 1, 1840, only two months after first issued.

In 1841 the color of the one penny stamp was changed to red, the design remaining the same, being printed from the same plates as the black stamps and showing the same minor defects and varieties.

This stamp was shown in an entire reconstructed sheet of 240 stamps all from the first printings as shown by the small corner letters, the lettering running from AA to AL, the first row, to TA to TL, the bottom row, with some of the minor differences as above pointed out. One variety of cancellation used on this stamp consisted of the black maltese cross with a number in the center. This was shown with 11 different numbers, the number 12 being the only one missing.

Through some chemical action, caused by the ink used in printing these stamps a great many of them show a decided bluish color on the back of the stamp. In many cases this did not affect the back of the stamp opposite the head of Queen Victoria, leaving a cameo effect, the white head in the middle of the blue paper. A number of these so called "Ivory Heads" were in this collection.

This stamp was later on perforated, some important changes were made in the die, making seven or eight distinctive varieties, all of which were shown, and then in 1864 the stars were removed from the upper corners and letters, the reverse of the lower corners, were put in their place, and the number of the plate was cut in the scroll work at the side of the stamp, making the very common one penny stamp, which can be had by the thousand at a very slight cost. The stamps were printed from plates 71 to 225, with the exception of Nos. 75, 126 and 128. Each of these plates were represented except Nos. 77, 213 and 225.

All the major varieties of the one penny red stamp were shown, many of them unused and in block and pairs.

In 1870 a small half penny stamp was issued by Great Britain, which

is a very attractive and much sought after stamp. In the collection was a copy of this stamp from each of the plates used, including plate 9, which is the scarce one. There were also a number of unused copies showing the watermark inverted as well as inverted and reversed.

In printing the three half pence stamp, only two plates were used, a number of stamps from each plate, both used and unused were in the collection. The first two pence stamp issued was represented by several copies including one pair.

The second two pence stamp is plentiful and the collection displayed a number of copies showing the various defects in lettering several strips of three copies each, and a number of pairs, all of which were cancelled.

Showing the colonizing spirit were a number of British stamps used in other countries as shown by the cancellation, such as Malta, the cancellation being A25, Gibraltar A26, Alexandria B01, C from Constantinople, C30 from Valparaiso and various others. While these are not catalogued by Scott, they are easily recognized and make a very interesting variety to look for.

Mr. Bush specializes in the collection of stamps of Great Britain.

Yap, that little island in the Pacific about which there was so much controversy some months ago between the United States and Japan, is preparing a provisional set of stamps for use of its inhabitants. The current issues of Japan will be over-printed in native characters.—Sent by Rev. Brown.

STAMP FANS TO CONVERT CHILDREN.

A movement to make stamp fans of the school children of this city will be started immediately, John L. Stroub, President of the New York Philatelic Society, told seventy-five delegates at the annual convention of the United Stamp Societies in the home of the New York Society, No. 20 East 125th Street.

President Stroub urged further that the delegates create new interest among the school children in their home cities. He believes if this is done stamp collecting will become a popular pastime and tend to interest the children in a hobby that is "educational, historical, and of geographical importance, besides an investment."

"The objects of our society shall be to further the interests of stamp collecting and study of postage and revenue stamps among all school children in New York City," President Stroub said. "We will afford school children an opportunity to exchange, buy or sell stamps, and to encourage fraternal feeling among their members. Already we have organized a junior society, and shall have a special students' night on Saturdays."

Officers of the New York society are John L. Stroub, President; Kary S. Strand and Samuel Kleinman, Vice-Presidents; Edward Weiss, Secretary; Edmund McD. Bendheim, Treasurer, and David Trautmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors.—World.

Strange that the printers at St. Joseph, Mo., have not discovered that big dot one frequently finds on those from that city. A minute's work on the type with a jack-knife would remedy it. Have just located a pair of the 12-cent St. Josephs that should be No. 45 in Bushnell's next effort.

Jersey City, N. J., is out with a new type similar to U-16 but in taller letters. Have seen only the one-cent normal and also inverted.

SPECIALISM.—By a General Collector.

I well remember the successive booms and popularity various countries have had in times past and how collectors would all collect the same thing at the same time; largely due to the stamp dealers and stamp papers featuring that country. I recall how Hawaii was the first one featured and I know how proud I was of my \$5 or \$10 worth of used and unused Hawaiians. Then came the Newfoundland Dog Heads, Seals, Fish and Jubilee issue; how pretty they were, and how proudly the old Dominion of Canada came out with her beautiful Jubilee set, that I liked nearly as well as our 1893 Columbians. I nearly forgot to mention that it was the U. S. 1893 Columbians that really set the ball rolling among the boy collectors of the U. S.; then in 1898 the Spanish American war caused a great boom on Cuba, Porto Rico and Phillippine Island stamps, soon followed by a boom on Guams.

I could go on and enumerate country after country that has been featured and boosted into popularity with collectors by the stamp papers and dealers. But practically every country is worthy of the same featuring; because when you get down to brass tacks they are all good. The neglected countries simply haven't been properly brought to collector's attention by being featured and advertised. So don't be discouraged because some country you like to collect isn't popular with every body, just wait until some day it gets advertised and then you can say to the wise guys, "I told you so, I knew it all the time."

Personally, I will always be a general collector and a specialist too; this may sound odd to some guy that may be trying to corner all the Kangaroos of Australia; I am primarily a collector and I want one copy of every stamp that I can get for my collection, preferably used, but I take them unused when I can't get a used copy; but I sometimes show some country or particular issue of stamps a little favoritism, to this extent; I take a blank page or two and make a little specialized collection of a few covers, pairs, strips and blocks and also a set of both used and unused of the particular issue that appeals to me; so I say I am a specialist as well as a general collector, but I don't go to extremes like some folks might, (this is speaking figuratively) as what people do or don't collect is purely a matter of taste and their own personal business; and in this article I have aimed to cover the subject in a general manner and I have no crow to pick with any one as to their manner or methods of collecting; but some collectors sometimes get discouraged when they read about some fellow specializing some country or stamp and they wonder how it can be done without much money; so I say, do the way I do and just have an extra blank page or two of that country and keep on being a general collector like the old timer who is writing this article.—H. S. Dickey, "the stamp man," Newton, Kansas.

FIVE HUNDRED STAMPS ON ONE ENVELOPE.

"A registered letter from Russia was delivered in Newark bearing five hundred stamps folded in sheets and attached to the envelope by a clip. Ordinarily the stamps would have bought a motor-car and a ton of coal, but at the present rate of exchange they just managed to cover the 8d. mailing and registering costs."

Speaking of steady jobs, a friend recently sent me 22 approval books (2,200 stamps) and asked me to catalogue and price them for him.

HOBBY OR BUSINESS?

The Stamp Collectors' Monthly Journal says: "I sometimes wonder if the genuine stamp collector has ceased to exist," remarked a prominent stamp dealer the other day. Certainly, the number of individuals who look upon philately as a means of adding to their incomes, rather than as a pleasant and profitable recreation for their leisure hours, would appear to be largely on the increase nowadays. The preponderance of speculators and amateur dealers in our midst constitutes, undoubtedly, a grave menace to our hobby at the present juncture. Stamp collecting is, or should be, regarded primarily as a hobby; stamp dealing is a business which exists to supply the stamp collector with his needs. Any tendency to merge the one with the other is to be deplored. It is possible, and even desirable, to make a hobby of one's business, but to make a business of one's hobby is to rob it of much of its recreative value.

Connoisseurs of old pictures, furniture, china and other Objets d'art do not, on the whole, adopt the same commercial attitude in relation to their chosen pursuits. Without disregarding the undisputed fact that they have in their collections a realisable asset, few of them, in our experience, are actuated solely by the prospect of financial profit upon their purchases. They collect primarily for the love of collecting, treating the monetary aspect as a secondary consideration. So should it be with Philately.

Time was when the vast majority of stamp collectors were amateurs pure and simple, treasuring their stamps for their philatelic interest alone, for in those days their intrinsic worth was small. Then came on the scene the exchange club secretary, who, although often a philatelist himself, stood mid-way between the amateur and the professional. From thence it was but a step to the spare-time dealer, carrying his little stock-in-trade in his pocketbook and looking to stamps to supplement his legitimate business. Everyone is familiar with the "private collector" who has an apparently inexhaustible supply of duplicates to dispose of at a mere fraction of catalogue price—including the latest issues by the dozen and hundred. Unless some practical means can be found of confining the commercial side of philately to those whose sole means of livelihood it is, there is a real danger that stamp collecting will have degenerated into a condition where its exponents will all be living by "taking in each other's washing." When all is said and done, the world of stamps is a comparatively small one, and there is not room in it for all to be traders. If the genuine amateur is eliminated, the demand will automatically cease and stamp collecting will gradually dwindle and die.

The philatelic press is not without blame for this unsatisfactory state of affairs. In a laudible effort to prove the merits of the hobby, undue stress has always been laid upon the financial side, so that the public has been led to believe that to collect stamps was a royal road to fortune. As a result, a very undesirable element has been introduced, entirely without appreciation of the manifold charms and interests of stamp collecting as an intellectual pursuit, but with an eye ever to the main chance.

It is high time that a calmer and saner outlook was taken by the philatelic public at large and more consideration given to the human interest of stamps, rather than a continual harping upon the subject of "value."

And now, gentle reader, what is philately to you—a hobby or a business? By your own attitude you can influence the hobby for good or ill. Which is it to be?

FOREIGN REVENUES NEWS SERVICE

Germany. A special check stamp started in 1909, at first light green then dark green, was discontinued in 1913 and no other stamp issued since. The stock transfer stamps have been discontinued in October 1921 and at present none used because the tax is accounted for in cash. In 1888 no wh, 1907 wh. The stamps of the later years are a good deal paler and wh shows not so plain.

Memel now has its own revenues. The values conform with the German new documentaries, that is: 15, 30, 45, 60 pf., 1.20, 1.80, 2.40, 3, 6, 12, 30, 120 marks. Danzig uses the same values.

France got receipt stamps in the design of copies 1893, also new issues similar design for various purposes.

Switzerland a general tax on drafts, etc., about 1918. I got the values 5, 10, 25, 45, 50 cs., 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 frs.

Italy a new Marca da Bollo seni, also a 5c surcharge cinema (picture show).

Norway's 1909 comes in various values in new colors, also higher values are added like 50 and 100 Kronen.

Some of the Russia 1907 can be had tete beche.

Sweden got a new bank and check stamp series.

Argentine keeps on coming with new issues every year, but a 29 pesos foreign drafts is an odd value. This design, started in 1888, was still in use in 1918, only the years are dated new every year.

Brazil got quite a pretty new series of documentaries in 1920, also Consular, Lottery and other specialties.

Columbia has various new issues. I know of 1913-14, 1915-16, and one or two later series not dated.

Cuba got a new series with large numeral design.

Ecuador is busy giving new issues, 1915-16, 17-18, 21-22; some surcharged others date engraved.

Mexico. No special notice, as it is customary to have a few new issues every year.

I have heard that Uruguay has discontinued issuing every three months a new set of 37 values. It has been going on for about 15 years.

Venezuela got a new set. Look like postage stamps.

Canada has various news, match tax, theater tax, etc.

Finally, do not U. S. State revenues. Most of us are familiar with the N. Y. stock transfer, but there are many new state revenues. In fact a new catalog for them has been issued.

ICELAND.

The collectors of the early 'sixties were puzzled and taken in by some supposed Icelandic stamps "which fetched high prices," according to the Stamp Collectors Magazine. I have not seen these, or any illustration of them, but Lewes & Pemberton in "Forged Stamps: How to detect them" (1863) state that they are "trade labels, the design is a bear on a shield, with the inscription 'Vulnere' below, the colours are various. It denotes the presence of bear's grease in packages." Dr. Gray catalogued this in "blue ink, white paper" (1st ed., 1862) but omitted it from his second edition.

AMERICA DISCOVERS PHILATELY.

Although in the past some really important collections have been formed in the United States, notably the Worthington, Paul, Ayer, Seybold and Crocker collections, Philately has never attained the same vogue that it enjoys on this side of the Atlantic. Stamp collectors of the schoolboy persuasion there have been in plenty, but few who took the hobby seriously. The general attitude of the American public towards things philatelic was one of amused tolerance. Signs are not wanting, however, of the extension to America of the great philatelic revival that has swept over Europe since the Great War. As usual, the press has been largely responsible for this state of affairs. The news interests of the record prices paid for rare stamps at auction has not escaped the ever-alert American newspaper man, with the result that the investment possibilities of the hobby have intrigued the imagination of thousands of United States citizens. Financial stringency has to some extent curtailed the full development of what is destined to be a veritable boom in stamp collecting in America, which, with improving business conditions, cannot be much longer delayed. Already the membership of American philatelic societies shows a remarkable and gratifying increase, for it is a curious fact that contrary to the average European philatelist who is inclined to hold aloof from his fellow enthusiasts, the fellowship spirit is so strong in American life, that one of the first acts of the philatelic novice is to enroll himself in a stamp club.

Of late there has been a steady flow of the classic rarities of Philately across the Atlantic where they are being absorbed in the several big collections in course of formation by Wall Street magnates and captains of industry.

Now that the rarest stamp in the world—the unique 1 cent British Guiana 1856—has been acquired for the record price of \$32,000 by an American philatelist, it is perhaps safe to prophesy that in common with other art treasures, the great stamp collections of the future will be in the hands of our American cousins.—From Harris' Collector's Journal.

Bartels says: Stamps in ordinary good condition often go at surprisingly low rates. Unused (and often also used) U. S., a little off center, perhaps no gum, frequently start at a small fraction of catalog and occasionally can be had at enormous discounts; this of course also applies to most stamps listed with slight defects, thin spots, small tear, etc.

Departments and Revenues are going better than formerly while scarce Newspaper Stamps continue unappreciated and are generally obtainable much below their value. The old German States and unused Colonies have recently been obtainable at lower rates than a year or two ago, while Scandinavians, Denmark, early Holland and Spain are always in strong demand. Canada and other B. N. A. are steady excellent sellers. There is a fair demand for nearly all Br. Colonies up to about 1880, while many very good stamps, especially between 1880 and 1900, seem to be obtainable at figures which will surely prove a good investment. Stamps on covers are increasing in popularity, also used pairs, strips and blocks, even of perforated issues.

The post office department says that embossed stamps cut from embossed stamped envelopes are not accepted for postage. A spoiled unused embossed envelope may be redeemed at postage value when presented by the original purchaser.

"OUR CATALOGUE" REVIEWED BY AN OLD TIMER.

Even to many who were in infancy, or not at all, in what seems to many the long ago year of 1894, the little publication of the American Philatelic Publishing Co., New York, entitled "Our Catalogue" and published in 1894, would prove most interesting. The publication was fathered by R. F. Albrecht and the lamented John Walter Scott, with a card of thanks in its foreword to many prominent philatelists of that day, among these R. R. Bogert, then of New York; A. W. Dunning, of Los Angeles; John N. Luff, C. F. Rothfuchs, Wm. Sellschopp, of San Francisco; and P. M. Wolsieffer, then of Chicago, with a special thanks to Mr. Daniel H. Bacon, of Derby, Conn., for assistance in arranging.

One feature of the catalogue is that practically every stamp listed is priced, most of them unused, used and on letter. We note, for instance, Alexandria, Va., at \$500, \$750 and \$1,000. Modest enough, considering present day prices. New York at \$6.00 used and \$7.50 on cover would have paid dividends to keep. The recently famous Boscawen was unknown at that time, the highest priced Provisionals being New Haven on cover and 20c St. Louis in any condition, all priced at \$1,000 each.

In the general issues the 5c 1847 is priced at \$2.00 unused, 60c used and 75c on cover. Many of us would like to purchase a few at these prices today. The 10c 1847 was \$7.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00. How many please?

In the 1851 series only two varieties of 1c listed, with full ornaments at 50c unused and 25c used; with ornaments partly erased, 75c and 50c. A 24c lilac is listed at \$40, \$75 and \$100 on cover, although the present catalogue does not recognize such a value in 1851. It is stated that of this series no 30c or 90c was ever issued, which reminds me that I once saw what seemed to be a 30c 1851 on cover. Perhaps I had better explain:

Twenty or more years ago there existed a philatelic pest by the name as I remember it, of Woll, who, I believe, served a term of imprisonment in the Jefferson City, Mo., prison for activity in the stamp faking line. About this time a most beautiful copy of the 30c 1851 on original cover was sent to one of the leading American collectors of original covers and I had the privilege to examine it thoroughly. It surely seemed genuine, notwithstanding the assertions of the best informed philatelists that such a thing could not be. The post mark was about one-fourth on the stamp and three-quarters on the cover, and the strongest glass could not seemingly detect any flaw in the portion on the stamp. The cover was finally sent to New York and submitted to Mr. John N. Luff, who insisted vehemently, "There aint no sich animile." Hence he loosened the stamp from the cover, and lo and behold, under the stamp was the portion of the post mark shown again on the stamp. Another wonderful thing gone wrong. It developed, so the story went, that the philatelic faker first referred to had constructed this work of art while a prisoner in the Missouri institution, and turned it out upon the sometimes credulous world through the medium of a guard or attendant.

The 3c red of 1851 was 2c used and not worth noting on cover, while the 3c 1856 was 1c either used or on cover. Wonder what the compilers would have thought of some of the prices paid today for covers containing these comparatively common stamps.

Did you ever wonder, as I have lately, what some of the thousands of

covers with 3c 1851 and 1857, and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of covers with no stamps on, which I have burned in years gone by, would be worth today.

A strange feature of the little book is that the August issue of 1861 was apparently unknown as late as 1894, and are not listed. Of the regular issue, the 90c blue at \$3.00 unused and \$1.25 used was probably the best buy of the lot.

"Black Jacks" were 10c and 15c unused and 5c used, the 3c scarlet \$25 and \$50, and the 5c red brown \$4.50 and \$1.00. Those prices were good if you got the true red brown. As there was no brown listed, your profit might not have been so good.

The prices of the 1869 set were rather "stiff" for those days, but a goodly percentage cheaper than today. The 1c at 30c and 25c, the 2c at 25c and 8c, the 24c, \$7.50 and \$5; 30c, \$6.00 and \$2.50; and the 90c, \$12.00 and \$10.00. The inverts, 15c, 24c and 30c are all priced at the same \$3.00 unused, \$1.25 used, except the 30c used is \$2.00.

Of the later issues the perspective in 1894 was rather too close for a clear view. Yet the compilers evidently knew very well the relative scarcity of the grilled stamps of 1870, as the prices indicate, but 12c or 24c used at \$25 would have yielded a fair return on the investment.

Carriers, newspaper stamps, departments, postage dues, envelopes and postal cards are all priced and all are interesting but space demands curtailment.

One thing noted is that "Post Obitem" official seals are priced at the same figure as they are today, \$4.00, after having descended to I know not what depths of price, they are again back where they started from.

Locals are priced in reprints, originals and on letters, a fair way to cover them. The revenues must be left for the future, together with Confederates and foreign stamps, about which I hope to say something at another time.

U. S. STAMP AGENCY RUSHED.—By Ralph L. King.

The United States Philatelic Agency, established recently in Washington for the benefit of stamp collectors, is doing a rushing business. Howard A. Mount has been appointed agent of this branch of the postoffice department. In filing a recent order, one of his assistants writes: "I regret the delay in filling this order which is due to many requests."

Shuman Kennedy, of Waukegan, Ill., has sold his highly specialized Charity, Red Cross and Airplane stamps of all countries to Ralph L. King, general postage collector and dealer in precancels, of the same city. Mr. Kennedy's collection contained all the stamps that come under this heading, with the exception of half a dozen, which he was unable to get at any price, so he became disgusted, sold out and used the money to buy a house. Mr. King has been collecting for 15 years and has twenty bulging albums. He made four big finds in attics that dated back to 1840, which gave him trading material for a lifetime.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

ANNUAL MEETING UNITED STAMP SOCIETIES.

The fourth annual meeting of the United Stamp Societies was held in the rooms of the New York Philatelic Society, 20 East 125th Street, New York, on Decoration Day, May 30, beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing until nearly 6. Immediately after a recess and luncheon at noon, an auction was held by the New York Society, at which many fine lots were sold at fair prices.

The Convention was called to order by President Chew and an address of welcome was delivered by President Straub of the New York Philatelic Society. The Brooklyn Stamp Society was the entertaining host, but had been unable to secure their own room for the meeting. A rising vote of thanks was given the New York Society for the free use of their rooms, which are situated on one of New York's most busy streets.

The following Societies were represented either by delegates or proxies, each Society being entitled to two delegates, called directors, and thirty-six votes were cast for officers.

Boston Philatelic Society, Mass.; Bridgeport Stamp Club, Conn.; Brooklyn Stamp Club, N. Y.; Coleport Stamp Club, Colegrove, Pa.; Concord Stamp Club, N. H.; Eastern Townships Stamp Club, Sherbrooke, P. Q., Canada; Hackensack Philatelic Society, N. J.; Holyoke Stamp Club, Mass.; Lynn Philatelic Society, Mass.; Montclair Philatelic Society, N. J.; Newark Stamp Club, N. J.; Passaic Stamp Club, N. J.; Philadelphia Stamp Club, Pa.; Philatelic Society of the Oranges, South Orange, N. J.; Rutherford Stamp Club, N. J.; Suburban Stamp and Curlo Club, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Vermont Philatelic Society; Worcester Stamp Club, Mass.; The Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, a member, was not represented.

Several changes were made in the Constitution and other proposed, to be voted on by the member societies.

The financial report showed a slight deficit, which will be provided for. A committee consisting of the newly elected Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, was appointed to issue a Year Book containing all the essential information about the organization. Other routine business was transacted. Lynn, Massachusetts, was chosen as the place of next meeting, May 30, 1923.

The following were elected officers for 1922-23: President, R. M. Osborne, of Brooklyn. Vice-President, M. B. Clark, Lynn, Mass. Secretary, E. L. Clark, Lynn, Mass. Treasurer, S. G. Bixby, Boston, Mass. Sales Manager, M. D. Olmstead, Concord, N. H. Auction Manager, S. Wier Chew, Philadelphia. Recruiting Committee, C. E. Cowell, Newark, N. J.; T. V. Binmore, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and W. O. Staeb, Rutherford, N. J.

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It is up to some researcher to write up the real significance of the allegorical designs on the German "national" stamps.

The one cent British Guiana of 1856, supposed to be the rarest stamps in the world, was sold at the Hotel Drouot, Paris, for £6,250 to Mr. Griebert.

United Stamp Company have come out with a new catalogue. It is really a side dish to their sectional loose leaf album, which is a dandy.

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It seems that numeral cancellations on Norwegian stamps represent different villages. What a long time it takes sometimes to find out simple things.

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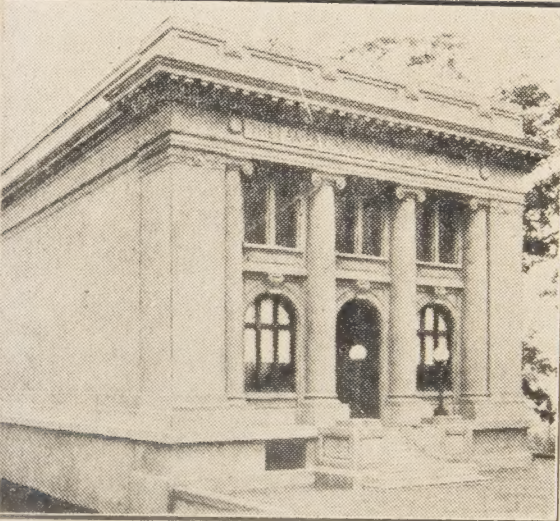


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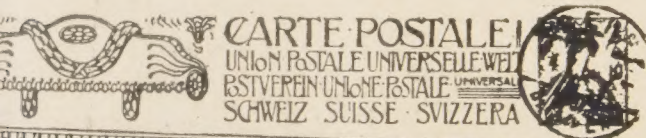
ACTIONS



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NUMISMATICS

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NUMISMATIC NOTES.—By M. Sorensen.

By the act of March 4, 1900, the gold dollar was made the unit of value of our monetary system. This gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains and contains 23.22 grains of pure gold. The coinage of the gold dollar has been discontinued as it is too small to be suitable for circulation.

The world's production of gold in 1918 is estimated at \$380,924,500, as compared with \$470, 466, 214 in 1916, the greatest production record in a single year.

The highest per capita circulation of money in the United States during the last four years was given in the circulation statement of the treasury department for September 1. At that date it was \$57.88.

Section 3576 of the revised statutes provides against placing portraits of any living person on paper money.

When designs for gold coins were being submitted during President Roosevelt's administration, that of the artist St. Gaudens was accepted even though it did not carry the motto "In God We Trust." Later Congress authorized a modification of the design in order that the motto might be restored.

It is against the law to photograph United States paper money.

The invention of coined money is attributed to Gyges, a ruler of Lydia, in the beginning of the seventh century, B. C. The coins of that time were made of a mixture of gold and silver.

The "piece of eight" was the well known Spanish American silver Peso, divided into eight reals or bits. It was for centuries the only unit of value in all American countries, including the United States, and was until 1858 legal tender in this country. The silver coinage of Central and South America belongs to the most interesting series of the world.

During the Civil War, gold disappeared from circulation and it took nearly ten dollars to buy an English pound.

The Hard Times Tokens or Jackson Cents were issued in 1834 to 1841 during the great political fight over the currency question. All bear inscriptions politically significant. They passed current at that time for one cent. These pieces are highly interesting.

The Civil War Tokens were issued by merchants during the Civil War and passed current for one cent. All have interesting, patriotic mottoes on them. They are still to be had in great numbers and are interesting mementos of a critical time in the history of our country.

The Franklin or Fugio cent was designed by Benjamin Franklin, and was the first coin struck by authority by the United States. It is dated 1787. The obverse shows a sun dial and below the terse legend "Mind Your Business." The reverse has 13 links, representing the 13 original states.

In 1883 there was coined 5,479,519 five cent pieces of the variety without the word "cents."

The actual value of the 16 pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed Christ was \$16.98, which was a fair price for a slave in those days.

More than 100 gold coins of inestimable value have been stolen from the numismatic collection in the National Library, Lisbon, Portugal. The thief carefully rearranged the remaining coins so that those taken would not be quickly missed.

For years England coined two gold coins of almost the same value—the guinea of 21 shillings and the sovereign of 20 shillings. The guinea is no longer coined, but it is still customary in England to estimate professional fees, honoraria of all kinds, complimentary subscriptions, and pay for art treasures in guineas.

The designs on the new dimes are fasces. In Rome this bundle of rods, having among them an axe with the blade projecting, was borne before magistrates as a badge of authority.

The motto "E Pluribus Unum" occurs originally in a Latin poem "Mortuum," attributed to Virgil. The first coin struck in America, bearing this motto, was the Brashear doubloon, issued 1787, though is here found reversed, so it reads, "Unum E. Pluribus."

A billion dollars represents about 4,000,000 pounds of gold, or 2,000 tons. Four hundred five-ton trucks would be required to transport this sum, and they would form a line 4 miles long.

Austria is now issuing money in leather. One variety is made of sole leather, where the value is stamped in. Another variety is made of prepared pigskin, with value and other designs printed as on paper. This is said to be very durable.

And it is reported from Russia that that country is going to the other extreme and is issuing platinum money. This is not due to scarcity of other metals as in the case of Austria, but because this metal is scarce, and in the hope of fostering outside trade. This new money is also used in domestic business as a means of stimulating traffic, because it is "good" in that country for only thirty days after date of issue, and everybody is eager to get rid of it as soon as possible.

Twenty skins were the average price paid for a wife among the Indians in Ecuador, according to a statement by the famous explorer, George K. Cheris, and Harold Anthony of the American Museum of Natural History, who have recently returned from a trip in that country. This would indicate that skins are still the current medium of exchange.

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There are 244,437 Indians in the United States and 105,998 Indians in Canada.

PLANT OF THE COAL AGE IN HAWAII.—By L. C. Gulley.

Often has the question been asked as to whether there remains now any living representative of the luxuriant plant life which carbonized formed the coal beds which are now the source of so much trouble between the miners and the owners.

There has been known for some time that a plant found nowhere else in the world existed on the Island of Maui and this plant known locally as the ape-ape plant is the last remnant of the coal producing vegetation. But recently some members of the Trail and Mountain Club of Honolulu in exploring the mountains just to the west of Schofield Barracks Oahu discovered hundreds of these strange plants growing near a trail almost forgotten which lead along the saw tooth summit of Wiana Range. The hikers, Prof. J. S. Donaghho, L. D. Merrill and T. P. Cadle were making an ascent of Mount Kaala the highest peak on Oahu and in passing over this long neglected trail discovered this interesting plant growth. The plant bears leaves five to six feet in diameter and is very striking in appearance one single leaf looks like a blanket of green.

The mountain range mentioned from the quarters in Schofield appears to be only a short distance and one would judge that an hours climb would put an experienced hiker on top of this peak. But in making the trip the novice had better turn back after walking six miles and the experienced should take a lunch and a full canteen. Distance here is deceptive as in in the west of the U. S.

The mountains here are worn by erosion until the "Skyline Trail" is often a dangerous one and a misstep either way will starte the hiker on a long downward coast often ending disastrously for the coaster. There are other dangers in climbing the range since there, covered by the luxuriant vegetation, are old blow holes through which the gas escaped when the volcanic fires which formed the range were active. On several occasions adventurous soldiers on leave have climbed this range and strayed away from the accustomed trails and failing to return have been reported lost by their regiments and the stranger is warned of the danger of explorations alone through these mountains.

The last accident or tragedy reported was a few years ago when three soldiers were proceeding single file along the mountain side with a little interval separating them. As they walked along they called to each other when suddenly the rear man noticed that he heard no more sounds of the two in front whom he last noticed as walking close one behind the other and both ahead of him. He called but heard no answer. Then investigating carefully he discovered a blow hole overgrown with vines at the mouth and these vines were torn and through the opening he peered anxiously but could get no response to his excited calls. He hurried back to camp, obtained an escort and several hundred feet of rope and an adventurous comrade tried to reach the bottom but failed. By the light he carried he could discern far below the mangled dead bodies of the two soldiers. They had to be left there and two more casualties were added to the mysteries of the mountains.

A soldier who had been on one of the surveys of the mountains here states that he found a good vein of coal in this range but refuses to give lo-

cation. He also had some specimens of a good coal but then coal specimens are easy to find.

THE FIRST ADVERTISING CANCELLATION.

The coming celebration in Philadelphia, in 1926, in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will probably be accompanied by a special issue of postage stamps, and possibly a few new coins. This event recalls to mind that Philadelphia was the first city in the United States to use an advertising cancellation, now so frequently employed in many cities throughout the world.

This cancellation was used while the Centennial celebration was in progress in 1876, and although simple in construction, it was, nevertheless, the first official special post-mark of its kind. It is of the style generally in use at that period, a small circle, and reads as follows: "CENTENNIAL, PHILA'DA PA." with month and day included. It is undoubtedly the fore-runner of its class, and is rather scarce.

Incidentally, the Centennial was the occasion of the first special commemorative postal issue by the United States, the 3c red and 3c green Centennial stamped envelopes.

In view of the above distinction, we look to Philadelphia to provide us with another philatelic innovation in 1926.—Collectors' Club Journal, N. Y.

STRAWBERRY COINS ARE OUT.

Joplin, Mo., May 31.—"Strawberry currency" made its appearance in Joplin.

After finishing barber work upon an overall-clad man who said he had just come in from the strawberry fields, the barber received two metal checks in payment, metal coins which were strange to him. One coin read "one crate" and the other "one quart." The name of a Joplin bank was stamped on the reverse side of the coins.

"That's 75 cents," the customer explained, "the crate coin is worth 72 cents and the quart 3 cents."

The barber telephoned to the bank and was told that the coins were worth their face value at that institution and would be cashed at the window or accepted as cash on deposit.

Five banks in Southwest Missouri are issuing the strawberry token for the convenience of the growers in making change with his employees who are picking the berries.

112 KINDS OF BIRDS COUNTED.

Members of the Nebraska Ornithologists union, in their annual field expedition at Lincoln counted 112 kinds of birds within a few miles of Lincoln, which Myron H. Swenk of Lincoln, the new secretary of the union, said was the largest number of kinds of birds ever reported in Nebraska.

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OMAHA MAN'S COIN COLLECTION.

A small collection of silver coins which are rapidly becoming valuable rarities is in the possession of Carl Gutmann, 3913 South Twenty-eighth street.

Before coming to America from his home in the Baltic states, fifteen years ago, Mr. Gutmann purchased a set of silver coins issued by various czars and kings of European empires, several of which are no more.

A German mark of 1887 is the most modern piece in the collection. A very valuable curio is a Russian ruble, silver, a little larger and heavier than a dollar. It bears the portrait of Czar Peter the Great on its face and the emperor's double-headed eagles on the reverse. The piece cost Mr. Gutmann \$25, or fifty rubles, Russian, before the war.

A Polish 30-cent piece of 1835 and a three-quarters ruble of 1840 are also of interest.

An English coin, George V, G. G. Koenig v Hannover, 1865, and a Frederick William III, Koenig von Preussen, 1818, ein thaler, and a Polish coin of Alexander I, Caesar Polski, 1821, complete the necklace of rare coins.

A second Katrina of Russia, 1764, and a collection of copper coins as large as a dollar complete the collection. It is curiously noted that a Peter the Great copper coin, somewhat larger and heavier than an American dollar, is the 1-kopec piece, or 1-cent piece, of Russia. A Czar Nicholas 3-kopec piece, 1841, of copper, promises to pay in silver. —Omaha paper, cut by Richmond.

WEST IS FOR YOUTHS.

Occasionally one is apt to become, for the time being, a little tired of stamps for the reason that there is an excess of commercialism about the hobby. Haven't you at times sustained this weariness? There can be no other reason—we are not talking of mere excuses—for impatience with philately. Wherever one goes, in clubs and places where stamps are discussed, there is always a danger of experiencing this temporary nausea. What can we do to improve this trend of philately? Let us concentrate more on the aesthetics of the hobby and confound the knavish tricks of the sordid speculators who study stamps simply and solely from the mercenary standpoint. Let us pay more attention to the philatelic needs of the youngsters. Day by Day I receive inquiring letters from Juvenile stamp lovers who display a vast amount of ignorance about the best of all hobbies. It is up to us to see to it that these embryo philatelists are trained in the way they should go and not be discouraged by commercialistic influences. The future of the hobby will soon be in the hands of the youngsters of today and we should do well to endeavor each to carry out in practice the excellent exhortations of Sir James Barrie, as voiced in his recent remarks on the need of a League of Youth.—From Stamp Collecting, England.

Wm. Wetzell went over on the Whiterock yesterday and picked up about sixty-five fine specimens of Indian relics. Mr. Wetzell says if he keeps adding to his collection he will have to rent a house to live in and let the relics have his home.—Superior, Neb., Paper.

Hello, Bill—When you want to Trade, Buy or Sell Collections, insert a little Want X Ad in The WEST.—THAT'S THE MODERN WAY.

CURIOSITIES NOT FOUND IN EVERYONE'S COLLECTION.

—By William Elliott, Findlay, Ohio.

Since my article that appeared in the April number of WEST I have added a good many other things to my collection which I shall tell about now. A wonderful Mite Bible. It is only $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in size. Contains both old and new testaments and is illustrated with pictures. Can be nicely read with a good magnifying glass. The Lord's Prayer engraved on the head of a pin is another great wonder. Think of it 65 words or 254 letters on the head of a pin only .110 of an inch in diameter. That shows one of the scientific accomplishments of modern times.

You will say what next when you read the following. I haven't any dog but I sure have got fleas. Just two and they are all dressed up and no place to go. They are dead but they are layed out nicely. Think of it an insect as small as a flea and dressed up as these two are. One has a dress on and the other one pants and has a broom under its arm.

Then I have added one of those mysterious strange creatures of the sea known as the Devil-fish or Octopus. May write you a story of him some day if the readers wish.

I had a bird case given me containing 20 stuffed native birds that is 50 years old and made by my grandfather.

I received a shipment of beautiful olive shells from the Philippine Islands the other day and to show you how generous I am, if any of the readers of WEST will write me I will send them one free.

GRANT GOLD DOLLARS QUICKLY EXHAUSTED.

A few days ago a bank of New York placed on sale to the public, the first lot of the new Grant Memorial gold dollars and silver half dollars. The bank's allotment of 50 gold dollars and 750 half dollars was quickly disposed of to eager buyers.

The gold dollars are considerably smaller than the size of a dime, and are of two kinds. Ten thousand of the new dollars were minted, a small quantity of which have a star below the word "Grant." These sell at \$3.50 each and the others at \$3. The price of the half dollar is \$1 and the premium above the face value of the coins goes to the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, which hopes to raise about \$150,000.—N. Y. Collector's Club Journal.

FIND INDIAN GRAVE.

An Indian grave was uncovered while plowing the ground for the basement for the Clay Center golf club. Those who were there secured some very fine specimens of flint arrow heads, which were in the grave. There were a dozen of these and they were colored red and white. One in particular, was an exceptionally fine specimen. Some of the "Brave's" bones were picked up and taken home by those who were there. These were picked up from the dislodged earth. The soil where the body had lain was red, while the rest of the ground immediately adjacent to it was yellow clay. The grave was on the crest of a hill and a portion of it comes within the location of the new club house.

What is more economical or profitable than a Want X Trade X Ad in this paper? What have you to trade or sell?

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

MR. GEORGE'S COLLECTION.

Here are six reasons why we should keep Mr. George's collection at home:

1. For its educational value locally to our children. Our children need to learn more about handicraft, to become the best citizens. This exhibit will give them many ideas and much inspiration.

2. We should make St. Joseph the "Mecca" for Indian relics, relics of the true American, Boy Scouts, wood craft boys and other boys' organizations from all over the United States. They would want to drop off here to see this collection.

3. We need something of national importance to show tourists besides a Lover's Lane and the home of a bandit.

4. The American Indian in his original native life had many virtues and good morals that would help our youth of today. The history of the Indian is being rewritten. Let's contribute our part.

5. Doctor McKeever in his institute emphasized the value of teaching children industry along with other things. The George collection is one of the most unique examples of industry we can ever hope to show our children.

6. Let's make St. Joseph noted for something that is truly American. No other city in the country ought to have this collection. Our historical pride must keep it here.

A. C. VON NIEDA.

MOUND TO BE OPENED.

Mr. J. R. Gragg of Brainbridge, Ohio, writes us that the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society will open the famous Price mound at that village this summer. The party will be under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Mills and Prof. H. C. Shetrone. They expect to find some rare specimens, articles used by that pre-historic race.—Swappers Friend.

To my mind the collector without any books on his hobby is like the gardener without tools. He manages to muddle along somehow, but I do not see how he is to become a philatelist. There was the elderly gentleman who had in his album two nice copies of the Sydney View one penny stamps and asked a casual friend to whom he was showing his stamps if he had ever noticed two varieties, one having clouds and one without. The poor man had never seen a Gibbons catalogue. From "Working Libraries" to libraries of philatelic literature is rather a long step, but I can assure readers that there is much that is fascinating in such libraries.

As so few copies of quite a large number of the rarities are known to exist, only few can hope to attain anything approaching completion. We may return to this subject another time and will only say now that we advise anyone forming a working library to include a few early priced catalogues if he is fortunate to pick them up cheaply, and to compare prices with those now current.—Philatelic Magazine.

Miss Barbour and Mrs. Redford have secured a large collection of invertebrate fossils for the Maiben collections from the carboniferous exposures at Bennet, Neb. They were aided in their work by Mr. Bradt who has on several occasions sent substantial donations to the Nebraska state museum.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

FIRST AMERICAN GOLD COINS.

The first American gold coinage of eagles, half-eagles and quarter-eagles, of the value of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50, respectively, was placed in circulation in 1792. Since that date the United States mints have turned out 117,629,365 double eagles, or \$20 gold pieces; 49,611,289 eagles, 74,360,570 half-eagles and 15,580,208 quarter-eagles. One and three-dollar gold pieces were formerly coined, but they were discontinued in 1890.

The first coin called an eagle was used in Ireland in the thirteenth century, and was so called from the figure of an eagle impressed upon it, but it was made of base metal. The standard of the eagle was borne by the ancient Persians, and the Romans also carried gold and silver eagles as ensigns and sometimes represented them with a thunderbolt in their talons.

Charlemagne adopted the double-headed eagle as the standard of the holy Roman empire. The eagle was the standard of Napoleon I and Napoleon III.

THE SWELLING ROLL OF PAPER.

Discussing the Portuguese exchange rate, a collector tells the Albermarle Stamp Collector how he changed a \$10 American note in Lisbon, and received over 100,000 reis in exchange, the escudo being a little less than 10c U. S. at the time. The Portuguese money was received in one 100 milreis note and a few escudo notes. With these few bits of paper in his pocket case he started out to buy stamps. He tells of some of his bargains, but "the funniest thing of all was the more I spent the larger grew my roll of currency until finally it overflowed my bill fold and was in most of my pockets. Of course finally it was spent and more had to be gotten, but for a time I felt as though I could not become rid of it." Nearly all the money in Portugal is paper; the writer of the foregoing says he only saw six coins during his stay in Lisbon, although he tried to obtain coins for his collection.

GERMAN AUCTIONS NOT SO GOOD.

A New York friend informs us that the German auctions are 'not so good,' and that the dealers have boycotted them, while the collectors have patronized them, because they thought they were obtaining something cheap. To their sorrow, most of them did; all kinds of rots and spots, thins, and repairs, near-rarities and pieces of the same, neatly mended, and often "almost as good" as the "tolerable egg" we used to hear about.

We suppose that someone is going to rise right up and inform the congregation that boycott is not an American proceeding. Correct, the very first time. And these auctions are not an American institution, either, so they have been dosed with a medicine of European origin.—Pacific Philatelist.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—The first peace dollar in Columbus was received by Dr. John M. Henderson, a dentist, who originated the peace dollar idea and was instrumental in having the new coin approved by congress and the fine arts commission. Coins have been his hobby for years.

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IT'S TIME TO TRADE.

When everything looks gloomy
And with business on the bum,
It's no time to get discouraged
Or to sit and suck your thumb.

Send us in your propositions
And we'll try and hit the ball,
For we'd better do some trading
Than to make no deals at all.

There's been a time for all things
Since this old world was made;
And with cash business up a stump,
It is now the time to trade.

Let us get our heads together,
Let us try and make some "kale,"
For you can do some "swapping"
When you cannot make a sale.

Wm. Wetzell has a wonderful display of Indian relics and it is well worth while to go look at. There are over 600 pieces representing mortars, pestles, spades, tomahawks, hammer stones, mauls, scrapers, knives, belts, pipes, ear rings, wampum, ceremonials, arrows, arrow heads, drills, etc. All of these fine specimens have been picked up by Mr. Wetzell in Nuckolls county and on the Whitrock in Kansas. He also has some good specimens of pottery.—Superior Paper.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Silesia is in north central Europe and Cilicia in Asia-Minor?

The Germans issued a "victory" stamp early in 1919?

The entire issue, 500,000 stes, of the 1919, disabled soldiers' charity stamps of Bavaria, was sold in a single day?

The small remainder of the former Austrian monarchy is known as the German-Austrian Republic?

Let he who has never collected, collect, and he who collects, collect all the more.—Filatelic Friend.

The Vail Medal Committee has made the yearly award of medals, which are given for devotion to duty and saving human life. There are three such national medals. The first is silver, with \$250; the second is gold with \$500; and the third is the big special medal, only one of which can be awarded each year. It is made of gold and carries with it \$1,000 cash. This is the first time that the medals are being awarded. The awards this year are for service performed during 1920.

VALUE OF PAPER ROUBLES.

The Comptoir d'Escompte in Geneva is offering one million paper roubles for twelve francs fifty centimes (ten shillings). Those Soviet banknotes are of no value, but many people buy them as curiosities. So far the bank has sold 1,000,500,000 roubles.—London Times.

SMALLEST GOLD PIECE.

The smallest gold piece in the world is the gold franc, one of which was specially minted as a standard for the use of the League of Nations, and afterward presented to Sir Eric Drummond, the secretary of the league.

Who wants a bargain? If that's what you're looking for you'll have little trouble finding it, if you watch the Trade X Ads. There you'll find offerings from several different states and countries. You find more ads than from any other three collectors papers combined.

INTERESTING SWORD COLLECTION.—Lincoln Paper.

The sword is the aristocrat of war. From the earliest history of weapons, swords were in increasing use until the invention of gunpowder. Early swords were of wood, followed by iron and bronze and finally of steel. There have been straight and curved swords, plain and elaborately decorated swords and the study of hilts and guards and scabbards would be an interesting history, with all the changes they have passed through.

John Smith found the Indians of Virginia carrying swords, and all through the South Sea islands wooden swords were used. The wood was very hard and the islanders were very proficient in the use of these wooden blades.

Controversy as to the comparative value of straight and curved blades has been as long as the history of war itself. Caesar, the men at the bridge, Cromwell, the Knights of old England and the aristocrats of old France carried straight swords.

Curved swords were carried by the Persians, Turks, Salladin, Sabiesco, and Frederick of Germany. The two most interesting forms of the curved sword are the scimeter and yataghan. The yataghan has the cutting edge on the inside curve.

Inscriptions on the blades were customary in decorating early swords. One very old yataghan bears this inscription, "Zolita, the wife of Solomon, was a beautiful creature but never so radiantly fair as this sword." The inscription is in Syrian script and extends the full length of both sides of the blade. "Never draw without honor or sheath without courage," and "Warranted never to fail," were among the common inscriptions used on swords in this country. A crude looking oriental dagger, dated 1807 says, "The maker's life the price of failure."

Rev. Dr. Charles M. Shepherd of Lincoln who has a large collection of swords, has one interesting group of seven swords that have all been drawn against the United States.

The sword from the French and Indian conflict was carried by a French officer in the massacre of women and children. The Puritans came to this country bent on peace, so were poorly prepared, even for protection. During the French and Indian wars they gathered all the arms they could and it was directly due to that struggle that they were prepared when the revolution came.

The revolutionary sword, a curved blade, was surrendered with Cornwallis at Yorktown after it had been drawn against the colonists in defense of the taxation acts and all the other acts and laws that caused the revolution.

A fort sword used in the United States in 1834 is patterned after the Roman sword, short, wide and stout. That sword in Dr. Shepherd's collection was captured by Santa Ana, and in the surrender of the Alamo at San Antonio, March 6, 1836, came back into the possession of this country. It was used later in the war with Mexico.

The sword of the north and south conflict was another curved model. It was captured in a rifling of the arsenals early in the war and was used in the first battles.

The cavalry saber in Dr. Shepherd's collection has more connection with Lincoln than some of the others. It was presented to a major in an Ohio regiment who came here to live. He fell into evil habits and was a victim of the drink habit. He pawned the sword, worth at least \$500 for \$6. It was in the pawn shop two years before Dr. Shepherd secured it. The owner

dropped from sight and was never again heard of in this city after he the sword. The blade is elaborately etched and bears the inscription "Union and Liberty." The hilt is a beautiful one of ivory, with a rather elaborate guard. The scabbard which seems to be silver plated, is decorated with gold plated designs in which are a number of small ornaments of solid gold.

The Philippine sword, which is shorter than the others and in a brown leather case, was brought to Dr. Shepherd's collection by a Lincoln boy who served in the Philippines. He was on guard by the water works above Manila one night, and saw a Philippine soldier crawling along behind the palm trees with this sword between his teeth. The guard shot the native and captured the sword.

The latest sword added to this particular group was surrendered to an American doughboy in the movement on headquarters behind Verdun. After the German officer had shouted "Kamerad" the doughboy dropped his Springfield rifle and advanced to the German, who drew this sword on the American.

One of the most gruesome swords in the entire collection belonged to a Chinese executioner. It has been used to behead 196 persons. Dr. Bedlow, the United States consul at Amoy, brought it to this country for Dr. Shepherd's collection.

Other especially interesting pieces in the collection are several rare double-bladed swords; very old Chinese swords whose two-handed hilts have been handed down for perhaps thousands of years, and whose crude iron guards are inset with bits of gold and silver. One such guard gives the history of an ancient Chinese village. A lady's knife in a scabbard that closely resembles a fan, and sword canes are among the novel swords in the collection.

JUST NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE.—By S. B. Hughes, Auburn, Nebr.

This is not an excuse. It's just facts. For so many years now long since past the readers of this paper have from time to time, and long ago, read regularly, the little short pithy articles from this part of the state, and, now that they occur only occasionally, they frequently send a letter asking for more. It is with these old time friends in mind that these notes are now sent the West. The younger reader can not remember so long ago; but when Brody started this paper, things were different. Now many of us are grizzled with age and our grandchildren are coming on to take our places in this busy world. Many whose names were well known with the advent of the WEST have passed into the great beyond, younger men must take our places. But if the readers will bear with the infrequency of these notes, that seem so badly missed, when left out, the writer may promise to keep them going for some years to come; however not every month.

The State Historical Society has been for some time making an effort to preserve the old Mission buildings and several other ancient structures at Bellevue the first real settlement in the State of Nebraska.

Bellevue was a well known town over a hundred years ago, and the stoutly constructed mission building, built by the Rev. Hamilton is still in first class shape. It was here the Indians of the hill of Nebraska first embraced Christianity, and it was in this ancient structure that the first session of the legislature was held. It was in this structure of the long ago that the first postoffice was established, under the general name of The Nebraska Post Office. This same old structure housed the first governor of what was

later to be destined the greatest state in the union, and where this same governor died after serving but a few weeks of his appointment. Readers of this paper, who have an opportunity, should visit this town of the long ago, where the name of Fontanelle, Peter Sarpy, John Cabanne and other hardy trappers from St. Louis came into an unknown wilderness and made possible, the later settlement of this great state. It is not a promise but at some future time the writer may give the readers of WEST an historical account of this town of the long ago, and go into details of the first permanent settlement west of the Missouri river.

The writer's son, who has been all summer with a scouting party for the Burlington railroad, recently found one of the almost unknown stone burials on the extreme point of a little known mountain in the Salt Creek country. The burial long antedated the contact Indian, or nomad and from material found with the bones, indicated a tribe from the Missouri river country but why so far from his known home, forms an interesting line of conjecture. Space does not at this time permit a detailed account but sufficient for the time being, only a sketch may be given.

The grave contained seven adult skeletons, a child and two dogs, or what at that time was the ancestor of the so-called Indian dog. The spot was an almost inaccessible one, and from the extreme arid condition of the surrounding country, was not in the least a habitat of any human being, much less an aborigine. Fancy can carry us back into the long forgotten past and weave a fanciful tale of hunters from the permanent settlements of the bluffs country, who in their dire extremity were driven to the top of this high point, and who either died of starvation, or were driven to the mountain top by enemies from the plains country. And where, like the old legend of Chimney Rock, were besieged, or at Roundtop, where they died of thirst, and the few survivors buried the bodies of their comrades in the stone cairn to prevent the desecration of the grave by wild animals. Human bones other than those in the cairn were scattered about the spot, or buried in the ever drifting sands, scattered about with each succeeding wind. The lapse of a thousand years would make little change in such a spot, and no man can tell how long the bodies had lain in this old cairn, let alone their ancestry or home. Associated with the bones were numerous ornaments of an unknown type, and flint artifacts of such beautiful workmanship and shape that the like is unknown even in the great museums of the country. Broken pieces of the finest pottery were found scattered about and of such perfect workmanship that even the type is unknown among the finds from the Missouri river ruins where the ceramic art seemed to have reached its height of perfection. The skulls indicate an extremely high type of human being, endowed with advanced intelligence, and far removed from the low forehead type of crania so common in ancient burials. The greater part of the find will be placed in the State University together with the ornaments and artifacts found with the bodies.

The season for snappy bargains is never closed in the "West." Always an opportunity "catch on."—Sparks.

A good many brick bats are thrown at advertisers in the "West" by subscribers who delay their orders several days. Rush you orders. The early bird gets the coin—"first come, first served."

NOTES.—By J. L. Montgomery.

Find Coin Minted by Croesus.

Thirty gold coins belonging to the first series ever minted have been unearthed by American archeologists in the buried ruins of Sardis, ancient Lydian capital in Asia Minor. They are of the coinage of Croesus, the last King of Lydia and the first great international banker,, whose name has been a symbol for wealth for nearly 2,500 years. The coins were minted between 561 B. C., when Croesus ascended the throne, and 546, when he was captured by Cyrus the Persian King. News of this discovery was brought to the United States by Dr. T. Leslie Shear, of Columbia University, one of the members of the exposition. The work is under the direction of Professor Howard Crosby Butler, of Princeton.

A complete Indian arrow is made up of six parts: head, shaft, foreshaft, shaftment, feathering and neck. These differ in material, form, measurement, decoration and assemblage, according to locality and tribe. Arrowheads have three parts: body, tang and barbs. There are two kinds of arrowheads: blunt and sharp. In the southwest a sharpened foreshaft of hard wood serves for the head. Arctic and northwest coast arrows have heads of ivory, bone, wood, or copper, as well as stone; elsewhere they are more generally of stone, chipped or polished. The head is attached to the shaft or foreshaft by lashing with sinew, by riveting, or with gum.

Decoration at the residence of Dr. Charles M. Shepherd, Lincoln, was a source of interest to neighbors and passers-by. Dr. Shepherd's Fourth of July collection of flags including all types of American flags—including the present one—used in the history of the nation was displayed in the yard and on the porch. Some of them hung in the trees and others were placed on the porch.

Purchases Eskimo Relics.

Winnipeg.—The Hudson's Bay company has purchased the collection of Eskimo relics and Indian curios owned by Dr. W. E. Anderson of Portage la Prairie. It consists of more than 500 pieces of hand work of many tribes. These relics with the Dagg collection of Calgary, purchased last fall, and specimens gathered by F. D. Wilson at old fur posts in 1820, will become the nucleus of a museum to be established by the Hudson's Bay company at Winnipeg.

Powder Horn Map May Locate Lost Towns.

A map engraved on an old powder horn may lead to the location of the sites of several Cherokee Indian towns in Western North Carolina, according to the bureau of American Ethnology at Washington.

The powder horn is a loan from Hugh Kirk, Newtownards, County Down, Ireland, and dates from about 1750 when the English were beginning to open up the Cherokee region. It belonged to James Grant, member of a company of British soldiers stationed near Charlestown and near Fort Loudon and Fort Prince George in the Cherokee county about the time that these forts were besieged.

The horn is elaborately engraved with the royal arms of Great Britain.

and the map showing the ancient town of Uucassee and other towns in the region in which the soldier saw service.

Remarkable Collection.

Paris.—Money made of such strange materials as condensed milk and the scalp of a woodpecker, coins ranging in size from a pinhead to a small doormat, are included in the remarkable collection of Farran Zerbe, a noted authority on money. It includes more than 30,000 varieties of coins, notes and other mediums of exchange, and covers a period of approximately 5,000 years. An amazing range of shapes, sizes and materials is included. There is money made of tea, clay, bamboo and silk, of tobacco, tiger claws and shark teeth. There are silver pieces such as Judas Iscariot is believed to have received for the betrayal of Christ. There is a coin that weighs six and one-half pounds and one that weighs a grain. There are coins bearing the seal of Alexander the Great.

Gun-money was money coined by James II, in Ireland in 1689 and 1690. The coins were nominally of the value of five shillings, two shillings sixpence and one shilling, but were made from the metal of brass cannon and kitchen utensils of brass and copper.

More than a million franc and half-franc paper notes are being burned in Paris every week, their place being taken by the gold-colored jetons, of which one hundred and fifty millions are now in circulation.

Fifty Cent Dollar Is Still With Us.

The 50 cent dollar is still with us, housewives who had thought it disappeared, professors who said it had and statisticians who proved that it had notwithstanding.

The 50 cent dollar is in Minneapolis and the First National bank has a corner on it. There are 87 known 50 cent dollars in a bag at the bank, and unless some souvenir hunter wants to buy them, Stanley H. Bezoier, cashier, will send them back to the Shawmut National bank of Boston, where the First National got them.

They were struck for the Boston bank in the United States mint and are perfectly good legal tender at 50 cents each. But as they have a picture of Plymouth Rock on them and were struck for the tercentary celebration in 1920, the Shawmut National bank of Boston was allowed to sell them for \$1 each.

The Oldest Living Thing.

The oldest living thing in the world is thought to be the famous cypress in the churchyard of the Village of Santa Maria del Tule, a few miles from Mexico City, says the Floral Magazine. Experts have estimated its age as between five and six thousand years. It is said to have been a stripling two hundred years old when Cheops built the great pyramid. In 1903 the tree was measured and found to be 126 feet in circumference.

There is a recent find of Indian relics of Dr. Robert F. Gilder, part of which according to a statement from Omaha is to be given to the Nebraska state museum.* The relics were said to have been washed from an Indian grave near the Missouri river during a recent rain. Prof. E. H. Barbour, who is in charge of the museum, says that during the five or six years that Dr.

Gilder was archeologist for the state museum, that he secured large numbers of Indian skulls and bones, bone implements, stone and flint implements, pottery sherds, and also whole vessels. These form part of the collections on view. There are about 150 of the skulls. Dr. Gilder also collected for the university many implements of the cliff dwellers in Arizona and New Mexico.

Through the courtesies of Charles W. Branson, the Nebraska museum has received the geological collections of his brother, Isaac Richaeldaffer Branson. Mr. Branson was a writer and traveller and his collections were made from various parts of the world.

RELICS OF NATION'S YOUTH LURE BIRMINGHAM PATRIOT.

John Heth—"Patriot"—that is the tribute his fellow townsmen here paid to the somewhat silent man at 418 Martin street, whose home is filled with relics of the country's early history.

John Heth's one big disappointment in life was his late birth, too late to permit his enlistment in the Union army in the Civil war. He was only 16 years old when the soldiers of his district marched away, but he never forgot them.

Honored by G. A. R.

Through the years he always carried the spirit of patriotism, of loyalty to his country, and, in 1913, because of this attitude, John Heth was elected an honorary member of the G. A. R. He has attended every reunion of that organization since 1891.

John Heth is recognized by his townsmen as a historian of parts. Sitting in the old armchair in which George Washington is said to have spent many quiet hours, John Heth talked last week about the many curious trinkets and relics which the women folks might feel only clutter up the house.

Collects Weapons of War.

But time went on and the war ended before John Heth was old enough to shoulder a musket, and he found solace for his disappointment in collecting relics of those stormy days, as well as those of the country's early wars.

He has 30 pistols and guns, including a dueling pistol of 1812, a Harper Ferry musket of 1815, and an old flint lock of 1700.

Encased carefully in glass, are his badges, badges of reunions he has attended when he visited with the soldiers who came back, and ribbons worn during some of the hottest political campaigns. The oldest of these is dated 1860, from the Lincoln-Hamlin campaign.

In his collection of Indian pipes is one found while excavating for the Cadillac hotel, Detroit. There also is a cannon ball, found while digging a sewer on Woodward avenue.

Enters Collection at Fair.

In 1920, Heth was urged to enter some of his collection at the state fair. Out of 15 entries, he brought home 12 first prizes and one red one. One was for an old Welsh Bible which Heth says has been in the family many years. It is thought to be nearly 500 years old.

During the fair Heth was approached by a collector, and asked to sell his exhibit of Indian arrowheads. Heth refused, declaring he picked them up on his grandfather's farm when he was a boy. He shows the deed to that farm, signed by John Quincy Adams with his goose quill.

He has kept an old cow bell which "Daisy," his favorite cow used to wear, and tells how "Daisy" used to let him ride home on her back. For going three miles and coming back three miles each night after the cows he was paid 25 cents a month. One night his father saw him riding home on the old cow's back. Then he had to go for the cows a whole month without the 25 cents.

Bell Made at Royal Oak.

The old bell bears a mark, showing it was manufactured by Almon Starr, of Royal Oak. Starr for many years had a bell foundry there.

His collection of stamps and coins is one of his chief interests. He has a copy of the first stamp ever issued in the United States in 1847, and what he believes to be one of the most complete present day collections of Confederate money.

A dozen "shin-plasters," issued by a local merchant, James R. Corson in 1862, tell of times when silver money was not in circulation. A little larger than calling cards, printed on thin paper, they range from three cents to 10 cents and read, "Payable in current bank notes when presented in sums of one or more dollars."

Prideful of Relics of '61.

But the pride of his heart is his Civil war relics. He has the canteen and haversack carried by his uncle, on the Yankee side, and, hanging beside it is a Confederate knapsack, cartridge box, cap box, belt and canteen. Even a piece of Jeff Davis' house, at Vicksburg.

There is a newspaper, printed on one side of a piece of green and white wall-paper from Vicksburg, Miss., July 21, 1863, from which one learns that "Two days bring about great changes. The banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg. General Grant has caught the 'rabbit.' He had dined in Vicksburg and he did bring his dinner with him. The 'Citizen' lives to see it. For the last time it appears on wall-paper."

In one corner of John Heth's room stands a stump of a tree, not more than a foot high, brought from Chattanooga, Tenn., and, in this stump, has lodged an unexploded shell with some 20 pieces of grape shot, mute witness to some concentrated point of fighting.

All Corners of Globe.

But Heth's collection is not limited to this country alone, Birmingham boys who learned more of their country's history in the little room housing this collection than they ever did in college, have gone to the far corners of the earth and sent back to their unpedagogic teacher, trophies and curios of every description.

A group of idols about eight inches high grin at the visitor from a table in the corner just as they once grinned somewhere in Old Mexico. There is a puff adder skin, four feet long, from South America.

His oldest treasure came from a town boy in China. While digging for the foundation for a missionary school, a pot of Chinese money was unearthed. Some came to Heth. Authorities say it was coined in 4000 B. C.—Detroit Paper.

One of the "West" readers says: I have a special coin and stamp book on which I write all the tips given out by advanced collectors and dealers in regard to the scarcity of certain issues, a number is given each article and an index with number and name is kept for easy finding. In the last ten years my list has made me several hundred dollars, as I frequently get a rare and scarce specimen at face value.—Sparks.

DENMARK.—By A. A. Kranheld.

It seems strange to one who has specialized in the stamps of Denmark that more collectors have not availed themselves of this privilege while the stamps are still reasonably priced. The 2 R. B. S. of 1851, catalogued as No. one, but in reality, No. 2, was priced at \$4.50 five years ago; today it is \$17.50. It is today with its companion, the 16 sk. rouleteed of 1863, No. 10, the highest priced stamp of this country. Most of the others of the early issues have advanced in price to a goodly extent. A really interesting collection can be made of the numeral cancellations. The writer treats each of the 286 numeral cancellations as a little country by itself, collects all the varieties which are possible, and while it may seem like a never-ending "job", yet the time comes when it is well nigh impossible to add another stamp.

For instance, take the eight ore, No. 28; the writer has over 200 different numerals out of the 286; furthermore, a number of the offices had been abandoned prior to the issuance of this stamp so the percentage of stamps obtained ranks quite high. In the other and higher priced varieties, notably the 2, 8 and 16 sk. of 1853; the 8 sk. of 1857; the 2, 3, 8 and 16 sk. of 1864; the 2, 3, 4 (12½), 8, 16 and 48 (12½) of 1870-71, a highly prized specimen invariably turns up in every lot of any size. Then the collection of shades and minor varieties, covers, blocks, in fact, everything in connection therewith, brings to light an addition in some shape or other.

In practically all cases, each office changed the cancellation stamp occasionally, resulting in a change in the size and shape of the cancellation, and presto; another country in all practicability. The lack of year dates, except rarely, makes this the method which brings about the identification of the printings. Note the number of shades in the four skilling of 1857, Scott's number seven; look for the paper varieties; the two types of watermarks which are very noticeable. And then we have the matter of inverted watermark varieties. The writer has found a single copy (on piece and superb) of the 4 R. B. S. of 1851, with inverted watermark, purchased for the huge sum of ten cents, the prominent dealer fortunately for the writer not having taken the trouble to look at it carefully. I bought a good many other inverted watermarks from him at prices several times catalogue. Mr. Riise, President of the Copenhagen Club, many years ago, knew of but two copies in his time, and considered this as one of the few great rarities of Denmark.

It is sincerely hoped that more collectors will interest themselves in this country. The writer will take pleasure in answering any letters in regard to this country, an ardent study of ten years perhaps permitting the assumption of a little knowledge thereof.

ENVELOPE VALUED AT \$12,500.

August Lutteken of Denver, one of the largest stamp collectors in the world, has an envelope mailed in 1859 which is valued at \$12,500.

There are no postage stamps on the envelope. It bears only what were known as postmasters' stamps, requiring payments of 5 cents overseas postage and the collection of another 5 cents postage from the addressee on delivery. No street address appears because such letters could be received only by calling in person at the postoffice. The practice was discontinued about the time of the Civil War and specimens have become so rare that Lutteken asserts the one he holds is, in his belief, the only one extant.—From Denver Paper.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

AUCTION SALE PRICES.

At the auction sale of the late James Ten Eycks coin collection the following prices were realized:

1863 U. S. gold dollar, \$47.50. 1875 U. S. gold dollar, \$92.00. 1797 U. S. gold 2½ dollar, \$175.00. 1826 U. S. gold 2½ dollar, \$265.00. 1834 U. S. gold 2½ dollar, \$400.00 mottoe. 1875 U. S. gold 3 dollar \$525.00 damaged. 1876, U. S. gold 3 dollar, \$206.00 proof. 1797 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$355.00. 1798 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$5,250.00 small eagle. 1815 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$2,200.00. 1819 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$900.00. 1829 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$1,275.00 small date. 1798 U. S. gold 10 dollar, \$225.00. 1859 U. S. gold 20 dollar, \$55.00. 1787 Brasher Doubloon, \$3,000.00. 1804 U. S. silver dollar, \$840.00 restrike. Jersey Washington cent, \$1,100.00. New Jersey cent, \$1,050.00.

The ½ cents were slaughtered, bringing about half value.

Prices at Coin Sale of the Jenks Collection:

357 B. C. Syracuse Dekadrachm, \$510.00. Roman Imp. Caesar Aureus, \$245.00. Pertinax Aureus, \$175.00. Russia 12 rubles 1831, platinum, \$150.00. 1663 English Simon Petition crown, \$500.00. 1786 New York cent, \$305.00. 1792 U. S. silver centre cent, \$440.00. 1879 U. S. gold \$4, \$310.00. 1798 U. S. gold 10 dollar, \$380.00. 1824 U. S. gold 5 dollar, \$340.00. 1834 U. S. gold 2½ (mottoe), \$450.00. 1793 U. S. cent, \$210.00. Hard times token, low 152, \$560.00. The sale lasted ten days, with 7,300 lots offered and realized \$61,379.46.

"SPARKS."

GRINNELL STAMPS ARE DECLARED SPURIOUS.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 30.—The Grinnell Hawaiian postage stamps, famous among stamp collectors, have been declared forgeries by Judge J. Perry Wood of the Los Angeles superior court, and the federal government has confiscated them as such.

This brought to an end suit brought by J. A. Klemann of New York for the recovery of \$65,000 he paid George H. Grinnell of Los Angeles for the forty-two stamps in the collection.

Klemann said they would have been worth \$200,000 if they had been genuine.—Omaha World-Herald.

A MOTOR CYCLE STAMP NOW.

Keep Abreast of the Times.

Washington.—A boy on a bicycle delivering a special delivery letter or other postal parcel is now considered out of date. The postoffice department, to keep abreast of the times, will change the picture on the special delivery stamp from a boy on a bicycle to a boy on a motorcycle and equip its messengers accordingly. The new stamps are to be rectangular and will be printed in blue ink of a slightly lighter shade than that now used. They will not be issued regularly until all of the old ones are disposed of, but can be had by collectors at the postoffice in Washington.

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We wish to increase our circulation, and have decided to help our readers insofar as they help us. We desire to work up larger the present year, which means that we must try to secure new subscribers. For every such new name which is entered one year we will grant as a premium one 20-word Trade X Advertisement (costing 60c).

CANADIAN NOTES.—By N. R. Hendershott.

A short time ago a section of petrified fern tree was excavated from the depths of a coal mine, by workmen at Wayne, Alberta. The piece was twenty feet in length.

Dr. Keramopoulos, one of the Greek inspectors of Antiquities, has accomplished some most interesting work in the ruins of the palace at Thebes. According to legends, this palace was founded by Cadmus, who is said to have first brought the alphabet to Greece. In previous campaigns the remains of the fresco decoration of the earlier palace, 1600 to 1400 B. C. were brought to light. This consisted largely of a frieze of elaborately dressed and coiffured women carrying flowers, painted jugs or ivory boxes. This year the excavators have found some of the storerooms of the latter palace 1400 to 1100 B. C. From these there have been extracted a hundred or more big stirrup jars. A considerable number of these jars have painted on them inscriptions in the still undecipherable Mycenaean alphabet. The letters or rather signs are of a hieroglyphic character.

A second hand furniture shop just off Great Portland Street, in old London, England, is proudly displaying in its window a pair of white silk stockings. They are second hand silk stockings but they are marvelously patterned and delicately transparent. At the top of the stockings turned so that the passer-by can see, is an embroidered royal crown and beneath it the letters V. R. and a small piece of paper gives a guarantee that these stockings are in fact, royal hosiery, and had once been worn by Queen Victoria.

Memories of the old battle scarred days of the Essex Border are recalled by the finding recently of a solid cannon shot at the corner of Sandwich street and Euclid street in the town of Sandwich. The shot was found by workmen who were excavating for the basement of a new residence at the corner. It was buried about 18 inches deep. The shot is of the type used in the small bore cannon of a century ago. It is about three inches in diameter and is perfectly round with a roughened surface. It is made of iron and is quite heavy weighing about one pound. Quite a number of similar pieces of ammunition have been picked up along the border in recent years.

Two large boxes of war trophies captured from the Germans in the great war were recently received by the principal of the high school at Amherstburg. These were sent through the kindness of the local member of Parliament and will be used to decorate the new high school. They were on view in the window of a local merchant, and much interest was taken in the display.

A 1921 commemorative set from Peru consists of nine values running from 1 c to the 1 s. These stamps picture several Peruvian heroes and a couple of monuments. The series was issued to celebrate the Centenary of Peru's Independence. They are inscribed 1821-1921 and perforated 12. As they were current from July 28, 1921, only until August 15, 1921, they will doubtless be scarce.

Little Chester was full of questions. It was the fourth time he had asked the aged stamp collector why the stamps were of different colors.

The toothless collector answered: Young man I've told you several times.

Then Little Chester explained: I heard you the first time but I like to see your whiskers wobble when you talk.—Sparks.

UNCLE SAM'S OLDEST STAMPS JUSTIFY PHILATELY.—By W. Ward.

But one happening has been required in the bringing back to America of the finest specimens of United States postal history—that is from a philatelic point of view, if not altogether from one of art, design, form or commission. That one happening is that the whole of the American people could not be informed of the circumstance that has managed once more to bring back to America her choicest philatelic gems. There could be another happening, but not possible on this mortal coil, and that these great rarities could be received by America's greatest Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin.

The largest buyer of rare stamps at the Ferrary sales in Paris has been Mr. Arthur Hind, of Utica, N. Y., and there has been a gratified feeling in Britain—that is among philatelists—that the rarest and finest gems among American stamps should only return to the land of their origin.

The possibility of their return now rests on history alone. Had America—the United States, if you please—not taken a certain step and attitude in 1917, it is a million dollars to a hayseed that all those stamps of the old Postmaster would not have come back to America.

If Mr. Hind lived in a country where a man received titular honours, he would be certain to receive a peerage. And he deserves it for wresting the prizes of American philately from Europe.

France has philatelically repaid the debt to Lafayette by seizing the great Ferrary collection, and thus giving the opportunity to Philatelic America to regain her lost.

We in Britain just have one regret, that Mr. Hind secured the British Guiana gem, not so much that our King lost it, but just from a National standpoint, we would have liked it to have come back to the Empire, as we are glad that the best of America's pearls have found haven in the United States.

From the Britisher's vantage, the Crude Guianian stamp is but an ally to the history of early nineteenth century days as the crudest Macon or Marion "Postmaster" of the United States—and Mr. Hind "bagged" them nearly all!

He deserves state recognition.

I would just like to make a few comments on the Paris sale of the rare "Postmaster" stamps of the United States. Many arguments of interest were brought up by the sale. I do not think that all the statements made by the French authorities who described the stamps are correct. True, many dealers of the last thirty years or so, knew that M. "Phnlip" was once or twice "let in."

A specimen of the Pittsylvania (Va) was offered as "probably false," yet in keen competition it fetched a quarter of catalogue value, while another with the seller's guarantee brought only round about \$15.00, it is worth \$1,000.00 on the market. Yet the "doubtful" stamp, with the worst definition an auctioneer can make, was knocked down for 2,400 francs, on top of which, according to the conditions of a French auction, the buyer has to pay the auction fees, plus the present State Duty.

The New Smyrna (Fla.) 10c on 5c. was described as an error, —01— the only one known. This is hardly correct, as the whole of these stamps show a figure with the "serif" at the lower right hand foot—certainly a —1—

side down. The error would be with the correct position of the "one"!

A very interesting item was also sold, in the 5c, "New York" "Post Office" stamp, with the first known sample of any postage stamp bearing the title "United States". This particular stamp was on cover, overprinted with handstamp, in purple ink "United States."

The Uniontown (Ala.) 2c green on blue stamp would present a proposition to its owner. Used the stamp is valued at \$2,000.00—unused it worth umpteen times that amount. The stamp sold at Paris was on original cover, but uncanceled. Thus, a very valuable and unique unused postally used stamp.

Doubtful stamps, or doubtful auctioneers or philatelic assessors were evidently the order of the day, for a superb corner block of the 1c, blue and pink Official Carriers' stamp of 1851, thought to be an early reprint, had a lucky buyer at 4,000 Francs, auction fee and Government Duty—and all! But he knew something.

That adds still another subject for discussion— why these Carriers' stamps are put aside from among the general issues of the United States as "officials" I can never quite understand. But the editor of a catalogue is generally a very conservative sort of person, and does not like outstepping what his previous compeer in office did, unless he has a deal of influence behind him.

The United States Carriers' stamp authorized a perfectly legal "delivery charge," and was the precursor of the "postage dues," but Scott and Gibbons both "side-track" it after the postage dues and after the official stamps—only Yvert & Tellier (the French catalog) giving it its nearly correct place in the catalogue. It's correct position is after the 1851-56 issue. I may be wrong—I am only a student of American stamps, which is so different from being an authority!

Much has been written on the stamps of the United States, and much will be written, and after that there can be much more that could have been written. The subject is fascinating and I several times wonder that no American philatelists have not started a purely "correspondent" periodical, as we in Britain have our "British Philatelist," devoted entirely to United States stamp. A general philatelic periodical has to be general in its details, and a poor writer like myself would often like to communicate something that would interest others of the same mind but know that the subject would not likely to be of general interest, and an Editor must study his reading public.

In the meantime, fellow philatelists—hats off to Mr. Hind—he deserves it!

GERMAN FAKING.

Some time ago the writer was shown a "cover" alleged to be of the '47 period. The confection was of German manufacture, and bore part of a U. S. 5c '47, whose lower portion had been nicely replaced. This was attached to an envelope of the kind manufactured in the late '60's and early '70's, and bore a postmark which is usually associated with the '69 issue. But the obliteration of the stamp was a black '47 grid, the outer portion of which had been painted on the envelope with a brush and India ink.

The German dealer who sent it over asked ten dollars in real money for it; nocellar-variety currency, but American dollars. It will be some time before he gets it, we hope.—From Pacific Philatelist.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

DETROIT PERFORATIONS.—By Herman Boers.

Jacob Keller formerly of here but now living at Oxeden, Canada, spent a week here looking up the old times, and picking up old and new things in stamps. As a collector of stamps he has perhaps one of the finest collections in the country, some ten volumes, dating back some forty years.

The first of the new Canada stamps have made their appearance in Windsor. At present they are 1c yellow, 2c green, 5c blue. Can be had. Coils are also issued but sold only in coils.

The value of U. S. in many instances is soaring sky high. A collection was showing a part cover containing 10-90c red 1872, for which \$35.00 was asked. It was admired by all but no sale.

The first of the new special delivery stamps arrived here on the 13th. Several collectors received them from Washington, D. C. A new design replacing the old bicycle with a motor cycle showing more speed—rather a pretty design.

Scouting around I find many of the collectors gone for a vacation. Detroit Philatelic society does not meet again until fall. The Michigan Stamp club meets regularly with an average attendance of from 12 to 18. While not much business is transacted there is plenty of exchanging and auction buying going on.

GLEANED FROM THE PRESS.—By W. Straley, Kansas City, Mo.

The famous Baron Ferrari collection, which was put up at auction in Paris recently, contained six American stamps of unusual interest, viz.: Postmasters stamps of Boscawen, N. H.; Lockport, N. Y.; Annapolis, Md.; Alexandria, Va.; New Haven, Conn. The first mentioned was issued in 1846.

From Avard, Okla., comes the following report: "The skeleton of a mastodon has been discovered west of this place. The tusks measure six feet in length, and the portions of the skeleton are in proportion to the tusks. The Northwestern University at Alva sent Prof. T. C. Carter, head of the biological department, to see it. All the skeleton that can be found will be shipped to the college for the museum."

The United Stamp Co., Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill., has just issued their 1922 catalog and price-list. It lists United States postage, departments, postage dues, newspaper stamps, Confederates, revenues, U. S. possessions, West Indies and British North America. It includes a complete list of sets, packets and philatelic supplies. Price 35c. This is a most useful book and will doubtless have a large circulation. Its more than one hundred pages is crowded with a mass of philatelic matter. See ad.

Several years ago I made the interesting discovery that some of the Hayti stamps (first issue I believe) had a second face at the back of the liberty head. Meheels Weekly Stamp News made an item of it at the time and I am still convinced that the face is there. Examine your own stamps and see what you can find.—E. Coriell.

Revenue stamps of the face value of \$500,000 are in use in the municipality of Buenos Aires. The designs of the stamps are changed every year; depreciation of the Argentine paper dollar brings the price of one of them down to about \$185,000 in our money.

BOOK NOTES

Edited by Roy Adair, 1715 Champa, Denver, Colo. Under this heading we will answer all inquiries pertaining to books. Questions and answers of interest to subscribers will be published here each issue. Parties having interesting notes kindly send to the above.

Stevenson's first editions, from the rarest to the most common are fast advancing in price. Some recent catalogues issued price the "New Arabian Nights" at \$350.00 to \$500.00.

Masefield, "Salt Water Ballads" 1902 recently sold for \$150.00. Such prices for first editions of modern authors is not uncommon.

At a recent sale in New York the first edition of "Gulliver's Travels" in two volumes London 1726, fetched the fat price of \$775.00.

Robert Browning's "Pauline" published in 1833, an excessively rare book was bid up to \$2,400 in a sale recently.

The highest price ever paid for a chair was the arm chair designed by Hogarth for his friend David Garrick which Hogarth himself carved out of Shakespeare's mulberry tree, with the medallion portrait of Shakespeare in the center of the back. The price paid for this is almost unbelievable, but someone wanted it bad enough to lay out \$10,500 for it.

A scarce and interesting item of Americana being a thirty-two page pamphlet by J. Benjamin Franklin entitled, "A Cheap Trip to the Great Salt Lake City," printed in Ipswich in the fifties recently came to light. At the end of 1858 he was sent to California as a Mormon missionary, but he abjured the tenets of the sect and preached against Mormonism. Brigham Young publicly denounced him as a traitor, after which he toured the country, revealing the Mormon secrets. In the Desert News of January 29, 1857, appeared an article from the pen of Young: "There is a little matter of business that we want to lay before you, in regard to J. B. Franklin, who went to California. It will be the duty of my brethren to secure this man, if possible, on his way across the mountains, so that his lying tongue shall not reach the people. Had Franklin been apprehended he would never have reached home."

We list here a few books of Americana and the prices realized at a recent sale. "Johnson and Winters Route across the Rocky Mountains with a Description of Oregon and California" 1846, \$590.00. "Leonard's Narrative of Adventures" 1839 only 5 known copies, \$700.00. "Palmer's Journals of travels over the Rocky Mountains to the Mouth of the Columbia River in 1845 and '46", 1847, \$260.00. "Clark's A Trip to Pike's Peak and Notes by the Way", 1861, \$75.00.

The "Coverdale Bible" published in 1535 being the first complete bible in English was sold recently for \$2,300.

"The Laws and Acts of New Jersey" printed in 1717 by William Bradford, sold recently for \$1,500.

STATE SEALS.—By M. Sorensen.

In by-gone days when the current slogan was "16 to 1," when William Jennings Bryan was in the height of his glory, and there was more silver in the country than anybody knew what to do with, someone suggested that the Government should issue a series of silver dollars with the seals of the different states for reverses. This novel plan was not acted upon, of course, but it would have meant a set of about 50 silver dollars, each with a different reverse. And as every coin collector very likely would have wanted a full set of these dollars, the scheme, if carried out, would have helped to dispose of some of the surplus silver in the country. And it would have given us a series of very interesting dollars. To date we have only two U. S. coins bearing state seals. Both of these are of recent issue. Our state seals are worth studying.

This was brought to my mind the other day when some one wrote me that he was making a collection of state seals, trying to get the best possible imprints of them. I can readily understand that such a collection would be very interesting. Studying state seals, their emblems, their adoption, etc., will reveal to the student much of the early history of the different states. And what can be more interesting than that?

In this connection I might mention that the state seal of Iowa very likely will undergo a radical change in a near future. It is said that Governor Kendall on several occasions has intimated that he is in favor of a change, and that a proposal to that effect will be brought before the next Assembly. The present seal was adopted in 1847; since then slight changes have been made, not in the emblems, but rather in the position of them. One reason given for the proposed change is that the present seal does not show the principal product of the state—corn—for the reason that corn was almost unknown in Iowa in 1847, while on the other hand lead bars and a mining scene from Dubuque was given a prominent place in the seal.

The emblems in the seal are sheafs of grain, a wheat field, some primitive agricultural implements and stacked lead bars. In the foreground a soldier, holding in his right hand a United States flag and in his left hand a gun. In the background is shown the Mississippi river with the steamboat "Iowa;" on the other side of the background a lead smelter. Above is an eagle, holding in its beak a ribbon with the motto of the State. It is worth recording that the Assembly appropriated \$40 for the first seal. A man by the name of Charles A. Robbins engraved the first dies and was paid \$35 for that job.

Slight changes have twice before been made in the seal. As first engraved the soldier was a youth wearing a cap. When changed he became an old man with chin whiskers and wearing a broad brimmed hat. The smelter was given one more smoke stack—which subsequently was changed back to one—and the steamer was placed well out on the river. But through these changes the lead bars retained their position in the seal, though the mining of lead around Dubuque has lost its importance. And while it is in Iowa, "where the tall corn grows," this grain should be given a prominent place in the seal.

A skeleton dug up near New Orleans from beneath four buried forests is supposed to have laid there 50,000 years.

It would seem as if there were scarcely any other pursuit or hobby that requires as much detail as stamp collecting. The mind of the man who turns to the specialists of all countries is so full of intricacies that it is a wonder that it has room for any thing else. Certain it is that concentration must be employed when stamps are under consideration. I should imagine that a man who is constantly employed in getting up auction catalogues would develop a mania, in a few years, unless outside his business hours, if he had any such time, some outdoor recreation or pursuit was followed to offset the mental application and ocular labor.

GRANT HALF DOLLARS COME.—Boston Paper.

A few of the new silver half dollars struck at the United States mint at Philadelphia in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of General Grant were received in Boston today and at least one bank, the State Street Trust company, had a few on public sale. William Hesslein, a coin dealer, also had a supply of the silver coins and a few of the gold souvenir coins. These coins were minted for the benefit of the Grant Centenary Association of Indianapolis, Ind., which is selling them at premiums, after the idea of the Pilgrim half dollars in Massachusetts, the proceeds above the face value going to construct a five mile Grant highway and two municipal buildings, the latter in Ohio towns.

At the coin department of the federal reserve bank today it was said that the issue of the Grant Centennial half dollar is being exclusively handled by the First National bank of Cincinnati. This institution has control of the entire output on behalf of the association, which is limited to 10,000 of the gold issues and 250,000 of the silver issues.

The gold issues are divided into two sections, the first bearing the bust of Grant on the face, while the reverse carries a replica of Grant's cabin home. These sell for \$3 apiece. The second 5,000 of the gold issue is similar in design to the first except for the addition of the star, which presumably indicates General Grant's rank in the army. These sell for \$3.50 each.

A press report from Washington says: To protect the public against manufactured 'Indian' pottery and other handicraft and provide a sale for the genuine articles made by the Indians on about one hundred reservations, the interior department will undertake to market their products with the government guarantee, Secretary Fall announced today. On each article the Indian wishes to sell, the department will put a label guaranteeing its genuineness. The Indians are in competition with large manufacturers who turn out imitation work at a price difficult for the Indians to meet. Most of the manufactured Indian ware, he added, is bought as genuine.

The League of Nations recently struck off one coin (franc-or) which typifies the coin standard under which all league calculations will be based. It contains .3225805 of a gram of gold, 90 per cent fine, and is worth \$.1925 expressed in American currency. The coin is octagonal and carries the inscriptions "S. d. N. 1921," which means "Societe des Nations." Only the one coin will be minted, since it will be used merely as a standard and not for circulation.—Kansas City, (Mo.) Post.

INQUIRIES

It is to your benefit as well as our, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

M. P. Palmer, Grinnell, Iowa.—Can one depend upon autographs, old documents and newspapers advertised by dealers as being the genuine articles?

Will you please suggest a suitable way to keep coins? I don't like the wall frame method, but desire to keep them in such a manner that I can show them to my friends.

Answer.—No, I regret to say that all dealers can not be depended upon. While most of them are straight and honest, there are swindlers in between. And the only way to guard against frauds is personal knowledge and experience, or that of a trusted friend.

The best way to keep coins at home is in a cabinet, with small transparent holders or envelopes for each coin.

M. S.

Elliott Anderson, Neah, Wash.—Your letter was very interesting. We suggest that you advertise the Indian relics and curios in this magazine. You will surely get good results from it.

M. S.

A THREE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE OF 1854. A WONDERFUL YARN!

Editor Everybody's Column: I have in my possession a Three-Dollar Gold Piece, dated 1854. I understand that in the year 1854 there were only three of these pieces made, one was sold in Chicago and brought \$8,000. Kindly tell me if there is a premium for a Three-Dollar Gold Piece dated 1854.

JAMES F.

What you have been told concerning the total mintage of three-dollar gold pieces in the year 1854 is a sample of the stories gratuitously concocted and circulated by thoughtless practical jokers or interested parties.

On the authority of Circular No. 113, of the United States Treasury Department, now under the very eyes of the present writer, the number of three-dollar gold coins minted in that year amounted to four hundred and ninety-one thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars, as against \$171,466 in 1855, \$181,530 in 1856, \$104,673 in 1857, \$6,399 in 1858, etc.

F. W. Boley, Bellingham, Wash.—The old Continental notes, mentioned in your letter, are not rare. In fact they are quite plentiful, and may be bought for a few dollars apiece. Yes, there are all kinds of odd denominations among them. From dealers lists and by following auction sales you can get a fairly good idea about the value of the different notes.

M. S.

J. M. Farley, Akron, O.—As far as I know there is no publication wholly devoted to Indian relics. "The Philatelic West" contains more reading matter about Indians and Indian relics than any other collectors' magazine.

M. S.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Theodore H. Cooper, Batavia, N. Y.:—Can you tell me how much the 1853 quarter is worth, and who I might sell some old coins to?

Ans.: It depends on which variety you refer to. The variety without arrows and rays is worth upward of \$10.00 in fine condition. There is no premium on the variety with arrows and rays. There are many counterfeit quarters of 1853, made out of the 1853 with arrows and rays, simply by removing the arrow heads and rays; some are made out of the 1858, by changing the 8 to a 3. The genuine 1853 quarter without the arrows and rays weigh more than those with arrows.

W. I. Adams, Oak Park, Ill.:—I am a regular subscriber to the "West," but would also like to take a foreign numismatic magazine or journal, published in English or carrying English columns.

Ans.: The only foreign numismatic publications in English are those issued by the two British societies: "British Numismatic Society" and "Royal Numismatic Society."

Joe Y. Vanardsdall, Harrodsburg, Ky.:—I have an old Irish coin which shows the date and figures perfectly. This is the only Irish money I ever heard of. Can you tell me the value of Irish money?

Ans.:—There are many issues of Irish money. If you can send me a good description and clear rubbing of the coin you mention, perhaps I can tell you the approximate value of it.

M. S.

R. G. Jones, Virginia, Minn.—Has Russian money got any value?

Answer:—That depends. At the present time there are many kinds of money in Russia. The coins of the Czar regime have their metal value, of course, and as much above that as collectors are willing to pay. The currency of the Czar has no monetary value as the Soviet Government has repudiated all debts and obligations, and has squandered most of the country's gold reserve. There is an endless volume of Soviet currency, but it is without value. For one dollar American one can buy about 35,000 rubles worth of this stuff. A recent press report stated that a metal issue is planned. The denominations are to be one ruble and half-ruble pieces in pure silver; the ruble silver to have the same value as 25,000 rubles in paper currency. The new ruble is to be the same size as the old one.

M.S.

B. M. Simms, Hastings, Neb.:—The token in question was issued and circulated in an early propaganda for the abolition of slavery in this country. A similar one, with a kneeling negro in chains, and reading, "Am I not a man and a brother?" was issued at the same time. The price quoted by dealers is about 75 cents for either one of these tokens.

M. S.

T. R. Gavavalia:—Can you furnish me names of manufacturers or jobbers of the California gold $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and \$1.00?

Ans.:—I understand that the manufacture and sale of these tokens is considered illegal by the Secret Service Bureau. I think most coin dealers still carry a supply of them.

M. S.

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Wanted—Indian and war relics, old china and old samples.—A. J. Webb, 30 Ogden St., Glens Falls, N. Y.

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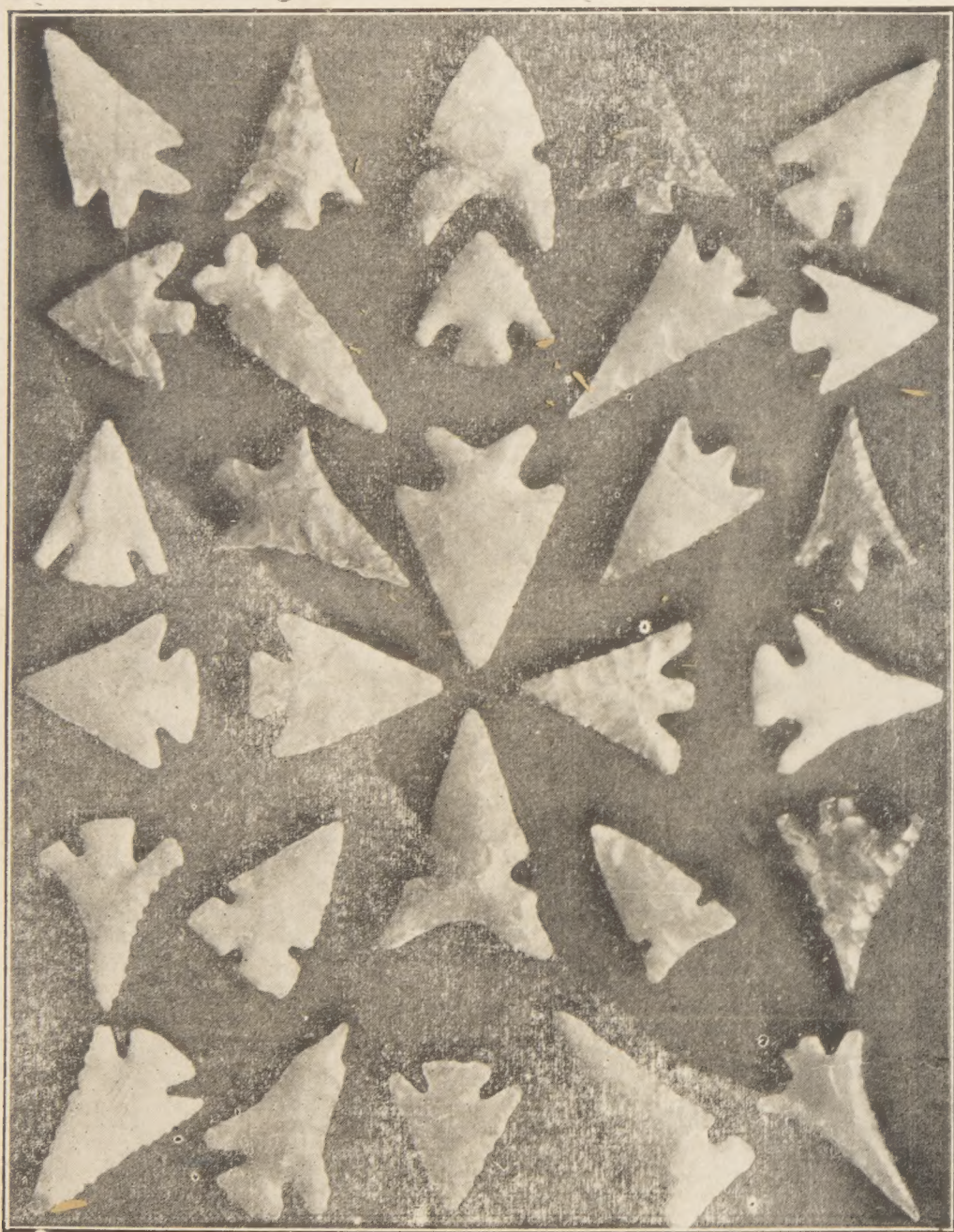
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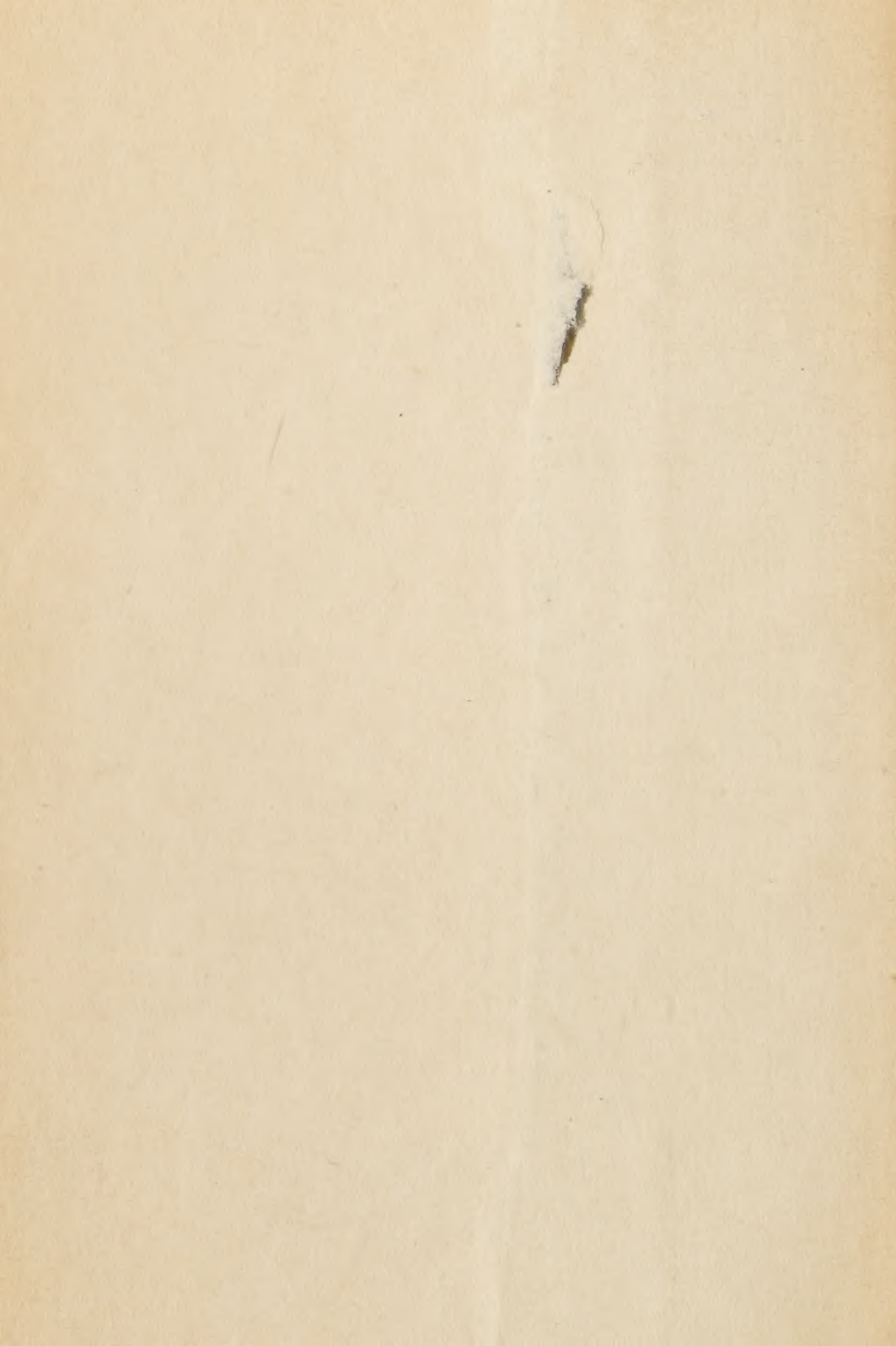
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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Can you help? We have run out of September issue, so like to get any in good shape. Allow two months extension on any copy sent at once.

Our next issue makes our 28th year, we wish to make the coming year even better than the past, and like to see and hear more reports of Collectors Clubs. One we report of South Dakota and Michigan, was set up ready for last issue, but held over with other matter. Send in reports. We start article from N. Y. Collectors Club paper on Norway. It will be illustrated in the next issue. We think very good and worth while to use.

Book New ABC, of Stamp Collecting, by President of Junior Philatelic Society Melville sure worth while, and sure sorry our societies in United States don't issue similar lines of books, for this country sure short on hand books to help new and young collectors. Why we wonder and like to know who you consider the Six Greatest Americans? Who has done the most for American Philately?

Kingston, Oregon, reports he has been swamped with orders from his ad in last West, and had to turn down requests from several dealers for lots.

Denny, Texas, says he knows most dealers and collectors are lost without WEST.

Mrs. Collins, California, says she used to take the WEST twenty-five years ago when she lived East.

H. Wisner, Pennsylvania, says he doesn't want to miss any issue of the WEST.

Heise, New York, says WEST sure is read all right by many hundred inquiries he gets.

Parker, California, says doesn't want to miss any issue. Likes it better than any other collector's paper.

Hill, Indiana, says he considers WEST the only real, all round Hobby paper in existence.

Be a good fellow and help boost "The West."

NEW ISSUE NOTES—By Ralph L. King.

New Mexican Official. No. 613 with "Official" surcharge, reading down, on left side.

Stanley Hein, of Waukegan, Ill., now in Germany, tells of a new German Industrial set that was put on sale about the first of September.

Portugal Colonies has a new set of postage dues. The design is like the 1904 set except that the colors are different. The denominations are $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 13, 20, and 50 centavos. There are also new denominations of the type A7 Angola for practically all the colonies, as well as new colors of the first issue and they run up to and including the 1E or 1Avis, according to the colony.

Canada new colors are also coming through the mails. The 1 cents are orange, 2 cents green, etc.

Finland also is busy. Have seen the 10 penni, ultramarine, 50 penni green, 60 penni, and 2 markka pale yellow green and black, in the A19 type.

Palestine is out with an overprint similar to the first surcharge of the 1920 issue except that the word "Palestine" is in slightly larger type. The values are the same and run up to 20 piastres.

Norway got new values. Among them a 50 and 100 Kroner stamp, which are large stamps in 2 colors.

Portugal got some new: Administrative, orange; Consular, red brown for 1, 2 and 3d class; Consular 4th class, carmine; also a blue for Administrative.

Roumania a 60 bani (violet) for asigurari (Insurance?)

Servia a new design. Seen values 10, 20, 50 napa and 1, 2, 5, annapa.

Sweden has a smaller stamp Bank och Vaxelstampel, a 25 and 50 ore.

Denmark got an official for playing cards. Red and later blue.

COLLECTORS' CLUBS SEND REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

Byron Center, Mich., boasts of the only stamp club in any high school of the state. It was recently organized by H. F. Porter, superintendent. Herman W. Boers suggests that some of our readers could do some good missionary work by sending Mr. Porter some duplicate stamps for distribution amongst the boys of the school.

Five stamp collectors gathered at 316 North Main St., and organized "The Mitchell, South Dakota Philatelic Society" on June 22. Mr. Z. H. Eager was elected Temporary Chairman and H. M. Miller was appointed Temporary Secretary.

The meeting as a whole was entirely successful. Although having a small membership to start with we hope to increase it materially by fall as well as increase the interest in Stamp Collecting among the people of Mitchell and the surrounding territory. Our Society is open to membership to anyone residing in the State and interested in Stamp Collecting.

We are getting along pretty good, and having meetings every two weeks, with an auction at the end of each meeting. We have about fourteen members, of which most are boys. The boys have not much money to spend for stamps, but are still enthusiastic. We read some good Philatelic article or stories, and talk of the new issues, and really some of these boys are pretty well posted. They will make collectors some day.

Iron swords are said to have been used in China more than four thousand years ago.

ENTIRE NEW POSTAGE STAMP SERIES STARTS WITH HAYES CENTENARY

Roosevelt Five-cent Issue Will Be on Sale October 27—Twenty-one Kinds Will Be Circulated.

A new 11-cent postage stamp, peacock blue, with a portrait of Rutherford B. Hayes, will be placed on sale Wednesday at Fremont, O., in connection with the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the former president. The first stamp from the press will be presented to Mrs. Harding.

The Hayes stamp is the first of a complete new series to be placed on sale. A five-cent "Roosevelt stamp" will be ready for distribution October 27, the anniversary of the birth of the former president.

Fitting For Roosevelt.

Roosevelt's portrait was selected for the five-cent stamp, the post-office department announced today, because this denomination is most widely used on letters to foreign countries, where the former president's fame was believed to be more universal than that of any other."

A new 50-cent stamp bearing a picture of the Arlington amphitheater and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will be placed on sale Armistice Day, November 11.

In the new series, the 13-cent stamp has been discontinued, while 14-cent and 25-cent stamps have been added.

The portraits and designs for the entire series are: 1-cent—Franklin; 2-cent—Washington; 3-cent—Lincoln; 4-cent—Martha Washington; 5-cent—Roosevelt; 6-cent—Garfield; 7-cent—McKinley; 8-cent—Grant; 9-cent—Jefferson; 10-cent—Monroe; 11-cent—Hayes; 12-cent—Cleveland; 14-cent—Indian; 15-cent—Statue of Liberty; 20-cent—Yosemite; 25-cent—Niagara; 30-cent—Buffalo; 50-cent—Arlington amphitheater; \$1—Lincoln memorial; \$2—Capitol; \$5—America.

The subjects were selected with careful regard for their salability, the Department announced today.

The portraits include Washington and Jefferson as fathers of our institutions; Franklin as the first postmaster general; Martha Washington to commemorate the pioneer womanhood of America; Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley as "the Martyr Presidents"; Monroe to mark the foreign policy associated with his name; with Grant, Hayes, Cleveland and Roosevelt carrying on the historical line to a recent day.

STAMP CROWDS.

Betting and other forms of speculation, motor-cars and holes in the road, preaching and perambulators—these have all at one time or another been denounced for obstruction. The withers of the gentle stamp collector have not hitherto been wrung. But at the Mansion House Justice Room the other day it was stated that Cullum-street had become such a rendezvous for stamp collectors that policemen had to be specially detailed to prevent their impeding traffic.—London Times.

If you advertise elsewhere try West next time and compare results.

Pull for us—we'll pull for you. Say it with subscriptions!

It costs you nothing to try. If not, why not?

RARE STAMPS ARE EXHIBITED.

Old Canton Issues Prominent Among Geneva Showings.

One of the recent big attractions for European philatelists was the international philatelic exhibition which was held in Geneva. The exhibition took on the form of a convention, as many of the leading collectors in Europe were present, and they had the satisfaction of seeing some of the best Continental collections.

Prominent among these were the finest private collections known of the rare early stamps of Switzerland. The stamps issued by several of the Swiss cantons have for many years been eagerly sought for by discriminating European collectors, and there are some fine collections of them in this country.

The Swiss cantons were the first European countries or official sections of countries to follow the example of Great Britain in issuing stamps. Zurich and Geneva shared this distinction with Brazil in issuing their first postage stamp in 1843. That was two years after Great Britain had issued her famous Mulready envelope stamp and the now popular one penny black adhesive Basle followed the other cantons in 1845.—N. Y. Paper.

"Used or unused stamps, what shall I collect?" Old question is revived by Mr. C. Lat. Wilhelm in the "Baltimore American," as he says: "The matter is partly one of taste and partly financial. Some stamps are worth more used than unused and vice versa. Unused stamps undoubtedly make a handsome collection, while, on the other hand, used stamps frequently, by the cancellation showing the date, settle disputed questions of history. Some collectors settle the question of used or unused for themselves by collecting both of each stamp issued, so far as they can. As far as the stamps of New Europe and many of the war stamps are concerned, they will be worth more cancelled than unused, that is cancelled postally and not to order. The collector will do well to avoid cancelled-to-order stamps, so many of which are coming from foreign countries. Altogether, collecting used or unused is a matter of taste, coupled with discriminate use of the catalogue to see which is worth the most."

"Those to whom stamps have no attraction, to whom the love of stamps and of collecting them is quite incomprehensible, are prone to ask: 'What is there in stamps?' or, 'There is nothing in them,'" exclaimed Representative Ackerman. "True, the colors of the rainbow or of the most beautiful sunset which the eye of man has ever seen are nothing to him who has no sight, and if stamps are nothing more than bits of paper, then philately, which has been called 'the sport of kings' and the 'king of sports' is nothing more than a childish pastime. And yet, is it childish to recognize in those bits of paper the visible emblems of power of mighty governments? These bits of paper sold for a few cents placed within the hands of their purchasers the power to command the fastest railway trains, the mighty ships and in far distant corners of the globe every known method of transportation that the messages which they carry may reach their destination. The widest oceans, the highest mountains, the most terrible deserts cannot daunt the postage stamp—it conquers them all."—Washington D. C. Sunday Paper.

Be sure you get our next issue.

WAR CENSOR AND CANCELLATION MARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird

This subject should be divided into two parts, postal cancellations affixed by the various postoffice departments, and censor stamps and stickers placed on the envelopes by the various foreign governments as represented by chaplains and lieutenants who acted as censors in the camps. On other foreign mail this was done by regular people who actually opened and read the mail.

Before going into the subject a brief history of war cancellations would be in order. Previous to our entry into the war, we began to notice, on envelopes coming from Australia and other countries such marks as "Passed Censor," "Passed," etc. Later all such mail was actually opened, and then resealed with a sticker that said "Opened by Censor."

When our army began to form in the various training camps the mail question was a big issue. Consequently in most of the large camps, regular Branch postoffices were placed. So that the first part of this story is to do with American camp and fort cancellations. Today, these cancellations are very interesting as most of the camps have been abandoned and only a few of the National army camps remain. My collection of such cancellations is not complete, but I will give the list that I have received envelopes from, bearing these cancellations. Most of the cancellations are the standard kind in use today, measuring about three-fourths of an inch circle, with the name of the city above, and the camp below, only in very few cases was the word "camp" used. For instance, as an example Camp Devens, read Fitchburg, Mass., Devens Branch, and unless a person had a list of government forts and camps, it was impossible to tell a military postmark from an ordinary one. Following is the list that I have collected, the name of the city reading first, and when I say "branch," it gives you the name of the camp.

Alexandria, La., Beauregard Branch; Fort Worth, Texas, Bowie Branch; Deming, N. M., Cody Branch; Battle Creek, Mich., Custer Branch; Fitchburg, Mass., Devens Branch; Atlanta, Ga., Gordon Branch; Rockford, Ill., Grant Branch; Charlotte, N. C., Greene Branch; Newport News, Va., Hill Branch; Alexandria, Va., Humphrey Branch; Trenton, N. J., Dix Branch; Columbia, S. C., Jackson Branch; San Diego, Calif., Kearney Branch; Petersburg, Va., Lee Branch; Tacoma, Wash., Lewis Branch; Anniston, Ala., McClellan Branch; Baltimore, Md., Meade Branch; Jersey City, N. J., Merritt Branch; Little Rock, Ark., Pike Branch; Hattiesburg, Miss., Shelby Branch; Montgomery, Ala., Sheridan Branch; Chillicothe, Ohio, Sherman Branch; San Antonio, Texas, Stanley Branch; Newport News, Va., Stuart Branch; San Antonio, Texas, Travis Branch, Brooklyn, N. Y., Upton Branch; Dayton, Ohio, Wright Branch; San Diego, Cal., Rockwell Branch; Jacksonville, Fla., Military Branch; Plattsburg, N. Y., Military Branch; Douglas, Arizona, Military Branch; Columbus, Ohio, Quartermasters' Branch; Portsmouth, Va., Naval Hospital Station; San Juan, P. R., Military Branch. (This was for Camp La Casas.)

The following had the name of the city in circular cancellation, but in addition the familiar flag: Philadelphia, Pa., Navy Yard Station; Chattanooga, Tenn., Military Branch; San Antonio, Texas, South San Antonio Military Branch (This was for the aero squads at Kelley Field;) Norfolk, Va., Naval Base; Newport News, Va., Aviation Branch; New Rochelle, N. Y., Fort Slocum Military Branch; Burlington, Vt., Military Branch.

I also have the following forts: Junction City, Kans., Fort Riley Branch; San Diego, Cal., Fort Rosecrans; Boston, Mass., Bumkin Branch. As I stated there were many other camp postmarks, and if any of the West readers would take the time to look over their mail they received from the boys while in camp, they no doubt will discover many not mentioned above.

Until recent years the United States government never used the cancellation stamp as a means of propaganda. Today, however this is done in all the big cities, to advertise any special event. During the war other countries used this method of advertising quite a lot, but as to our country, I only was able to pick up the following—

Do your bit
Buy a Liberty Loan Bond
Inquire at any Bank
or Post Office

This was in five lines and printed in what would be the star part of the flag cancellation. The wavy lines were also a part of it and it was used at Washington, D. C.

Another horizontal mark from Baltimore was divided in the middle, the entire cancellation measuring about $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches independent of the round city postmark. The left half read:

Buy Now
U. S.
Government Bonds
2nd Liberty loan

The right half contained straight lines instead of the usual wavy ones.

This same advertisement was used in the Boston Post Office, the only difference being the regulation flag cancellation.

Easton, Penn., issued a horizontal postmark with this appeal—

"Your patriotic duty, buy a Liberty Bond." The word "your" being on the first line, "Patriotic Duty" on the second, "Buy a" on the third, the word "Liberty" started from the lower left hand corner in large capitals and went up to the upper right hand corner until it met the second line, and the word "bond" was on a line parallel with the letter L of Liberty, but located in the right hand corner.

When the third loan was floated the same scheme was used only substituting the word third for second.

Another popular cancellation was

"Food Will win the war, don't waste it." I have three different types of this one. Two of them were the flag type cancellation but different kind of type. New York City had the word "Food" printed in the same size capital letters, while Washington, D. C., had "Food" with the peculiar shaped "F" and the other four letters small.

Austin, Texas had a peculiar type. Instead of the usual circular stamp with the name of the city, this type had simply the name:

Austin
Apr. 5-18
11—P. M
TEXAS

FOOD
WILL
WIN THE WAR
DON'T WASTE IT

The lines to cancel the stamp consisted of four sets of parallel lines. The entire height was seven-eighths of an inch and the length about $3\frac{1}{2}$.

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AMERICAN STAMP EXHIBIT AT RIO IS COMPLETE

Representative Roy G. Fitzgerald of Ohio, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Representative Frederick Dallinger of Massachusetts and some other members of Congress particularly interested in philately have been privileged to make preliminary inspection of the American stamp exhibit which has been sent to the Brazilian exposition and which, on its return, will be open to the public in the office of the superintendent of stamps, Post Office Department.

Probably there are no more enthusiastic stamp collectors in the country than among members of Congress. All of the members named above have notable collections.

The stamp collection sent by the United States government to the Brazilian exposition was prepared by Mrs. Catherine Manning of the National Museum. It is complete, beginning with the first issue of United States stamps, in 1847, and includes the die proof of the 24-cent inverted airplane stamp, which is in great demand by stamp collectors.

It will probably not be brought back to this country until next March. It was largely the interest of members of Congress, who are keen stamp collectors, which influenced the Post Office Department to decide to place this official government collection on public exhibition when it comes back to this country. Already a large convention of philatelists from all parts of the country is being planned to view this exhibit.—K. C. Paper.

THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION—PHILADELPHIA, 1926.

We have received from Mr. Victor Rosewater, of the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition Association, the following:

Colonel D'Olier has been advised of the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the 28th annual convention of the Society of American Philatelists, which has just closed its session at Atlantic City selecting Philadelphia as the convention city for 1926. In conveying this information as one of the officers of the society, Lewis M. Lang of Philadelphia says: "Our Philadelphia Branch will have charge of all arrangements and co-operate with you and your associates with the same zeal, energy and earnestness which characterized the successful Philatelic Exhibition of the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. If our Philadelphia citizens would display the proper spirit pessimism would be an obsolete word."

Stamp collectors from all over the U. S. will be greatly interested in a new advertised cancellation issued in Detroit advertising International Aero Congress, October 7, 12, 13, 14, 1922. This is the first time there ever was one issued here.—Herman W. Boers.

Japanese and Chinese business men work seven days a week. They are agitating for one day off per week. Philatelists should follow their example and attend the National annual conventions. "All work makes Jack a dull boy."—Sparks.

So many stamps in the world! You can't get them all. Pick out the gold, leave the dross untouched. Read the West—It tells the best.

Stamps are a safe investment, no income tax, no insurance, a five million dollar stamp sale of one collector in France is the wonder of the world.

STAMP GOSSIP—By Ralph L. King

Jules Held, of Chicago, a vaudeville comedian, hunted up the writer in Waukegan, Ill., the other day. He is a specialist in everything in U. S. before 1869. U. S. grills are also his consuming passion. Mr. Held has a fine collection of covers prior to 1869.

Norway No. 1 is again on the upward trend in the Scandinavian markets, according to Marius Jorgensen, of Waukegan, Ill., who is watching that market. Some of the new colors and denominations of Finland stamps are commanding better prices than the present exchange rate of the Finnish mark would indicate.

Dr. C. W. Balke, of Highland Park, Ill., is breaking up his two general collections. He had to buy a house recently to get a roof over his head, rental property along the North Shore, north of Chicago, being almost a memory. Hence the disposition of the collections.

Alfred Paulsen, of Salida, Colo., has just returned home after an extended visit to his former residence at Atchison, Kas. He had been exchanging precancels for general, but announces that he is out of the game at least until he wears out his flivver. Which leads one to the conclusion that gasoline in the Lizzie is more deadly than the engine in the watermark detector.

Mr. Dealer did you ever try an ad in the home town daily? I have and found it pays. The stamp magazine is the best field of course, but I got three good customers through a daily ad. One is buying from \$5 to \$15 a week. Many of the smaller dailies would be glad to run some special stamp news if you would give them an occasional ad.—It helps create more interest in stamps in your local field.

Ever do a little missionary work for your fellow collector? When you get through with your copy of the Philatelic West, hand it to a fellow collector. After he looks over a copy or two he will want to subscribe. Not only the reading matter but the advertisements will help him along in his hobby. The more enthusiastic the collector the better it is for your hobby.

From all sides we hear of philatelic exhibitions (Luxemburg, Geneva, Vienna, Munich, Berlin, etc.,) and we shall speak of them in due course. These manifestations show that Philately is always prosperous and they allow us to expect a good season.

J. P. S. says: "To get the highest enjoyment out of a study, a sport, a recreation, or a hobby, there must be enthusiasm. The luke-warm man never gets there. His power storage gives out before he can arrive. Enthusiasm makes enthusiasm, and so feeds itself."

"Now, the designation of our particular pursuit implies enthusiasm. Philately implies the love of stamps; philatelist implies a lover of stamps, the form of the title of our journal, a 'Stamp Lover.'

THE KRIS.

On the current 8 cents stamp of the Straits Settlement will be found a curious shaped sword. It is known to the natives as the Kris, and is the national weapon of the Malays. This sword or dagger has a wavy blade, with ornamented handle and scabbard. It is illegal for the natives to wear a Kris, (except in Trenggenu where the privilege is still extended.

It was formerly worn by almost every male over fourteen and by many women too.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

The advertising cancellation is flourishing; the past few months have brought us more of them than any time before. Canada was formerly ahead of us in taking advantage of the splendid opportunity the postal cancellation affords in advertising events of general interest. Supplementing the list given in the August issue of "The West," a few recent ones are printed below. This list lays no claim to being complete.

Cleveland, Ohio, in 5 lines: VISIT CLEVELAND'S EXPOSITION
SEPT. 18—28, 1922.

Cloquet, Minn., in 3 lines: HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

Detroit, Mich., in 5 lines, the upper and lower ones curved: INTER-
NATIONAL AERO CONGRESS OCT. 7-12-13-14-1922.

Des Moines, Iowa, in 4 lines: G. A. R. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
DES MOINES, SEPT. 25-26-27-28.

Minneapolis, Minn., in 4 lines: NATIONAL DAIRY EXPOSITION TWIN
CITIES, OCT. 7-14, 1922.

Missoula, Mont., in 4 lines, the second one curved: BE CAREFUL
NATIONAL FORESTS ARE NOT FIRE PROOF.

Mobile, Ala., in 4 lines: ALABAMA'S SEAPORT DEVELOPMENT
MEANS ALABAMA'S PROSPERITY.

New Orleans, La., in 3 lines: AMERICAN LEGION NAT'L CONVEN-
TION OCT. 16-20.

Pueblo, Colo., in 4 lines: COLORADO STATE FAIR PUEBLO SEPT.
25-30-1922.

San Francisco, Calif., in 5 lines, the upper one curved: CALIF. IN-
DUSTRIES EXPOSITION SAN FRANCISCO OCT. 17-28, 1922.

Toronto, Canada, in 4 lines: CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
TORONTO AUG. 26-1922-SEPT. 9.

Austin, Texas, in 4 lines: CENTRAL TEXAS FAIR AND SAN SAM AUS-
TIN, OCT. 30 to NOV. 4.

Helena, Mont., in 4 lines: AMERICAN AND GLACIER NATIONAL
PARKS.

Kansas City, Mo., in 3 lines: AMERICAN ROYAL LIVE STOCK SHOW,
NOV. 18-25, 1922.

Edmonton, Alta., Canada, in 3 lines: CLEAN-UP' FIRE PREVENTION
DAY, OCTOBER 9TH-1922.

Mitchell, S. D., in 3 lines: CORN PALACE EXPOSITION SEPT. 25-30,
1922.

Portland, Oregon, in 2 lines: COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY OREGON
NATIONAL FOREST.

Colorado Springs, Colo., in 2 lines: NATIONAL CANCER WEEK NOV.
12-20.

Oakland, Calif., in 5 lines: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
EXPOSITION OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER 17-26, 1922

Wichita, Kansas, in 3 lines: UNION 35TH DIVISION, WICHITA, KAN-
SAS, SEPT. 25-27, 1922.

It was only a short time ago that \$10,000 was paid for a single specimen of a butterfly. Some naturalists spend years just to get the sight of a rare specimen. There are thousands of different species, from the common yellow butterfly that we see in our fields to the most exotic.

FIRST ISSUE OF NORWEGIAN POSTAGE STAMPS.—By H. L. Lindquist.
From Collectors Club Philatelist.

The stamps of Norway have always been popular with the general collector, no doubt largely due to the fact that it is easily possible to obtain a complete collection of the major varieties. It is only within the past few years, however, that specialists in any number have seriously turned their attention to the issues of this country but they are now receiving intensive study and many important monographs are appearing on certain of the issues.

The first issue is particularly interesting from many standpoints but seems to have received the least attention of any of the issues. The difficulty of some of the problems still to be solved and the fact that while moderately priced, quantities of the stamps and especially strips and blocks, have never been plentiful may have deterred many from giving it the attention it apparently deserves. It is in the hope that the scattered efforts of the specialists now at work on this issue might be gathered together and presented as a whole that these notes are presented. No claim is made of any original work or exhaustive study but an effort has been made to gather together such information as has appeared on the subject so as to form a basis for further effort.

With this idea in mind the writer will welcome any suggestions or additional data and due credit for all such matter received will be given in future issues of this journal.

The data incorporated in these notes has been gathered from various sources too numerous to mention but we wish to give particular credit to that very fine and exhaustive work on "Norwegian Postage Stamps" edited in collaboration by Justus Anderssen and Henrik Dethloff and published in 1915. Practically all of the extracts from official documents are taken verbatim from this book but we believe that much of this will be new to our readers for to the best of our knowledge the material contained in this book has never appeared in an American translation. We are indebted to Mr. John A. Klemann for a copy of the translation from which these extracts were taken.

In the early days of the postal service in Norway, the rates based upon weight and distance were both expensive and intricate, but on August 12, 1848, a new law was enacted, taking effect on January 1, 1849, which simplified the matter and resulted in a considerable increase in correspondence.

Early in 1854 the Department of the Interior, under whose jurisdiction the postal affairs were administered, decided upon the adoption of postage stamps and invited several firms in Christiania to submit designs. Of the several designs that were submitted the one shown in Figure 1, the work of a Mr. O. Irgens, was accepted and was the basis for the first issue as we know it.

The contract for the printing of these stamps was awarded to Mechanician Zarbell, who own designs had been unsuccessful, under the following arrangement:

"Referring to your recent offer, we commission you to engrave the plates and print the stamps, whereby it also is your duty to make the form for the watermark in the paper, which mark should be the Norwegian Lion with the Axe of St. Clav. The paper itself will be delivered to you in so many reams by the Department of Interior, whereafter you are responsible for every ream, deducting what is manifestly ruined in the process of printing. Everything

used for the printing becomes the property of the Department of the Interior when the stamps are finished.

"Your compensation for the printing and the material used in printing will be eighteen (18) skilling for every thousand of delivered stamps printed in blue color in accordance with the draught given you. You must agree to deliver at least two million stamps. In case the stamps by lawful examination should be pronounced unsatisfactory, the Department reserves the right to deduct from your pay such sum as the judges may find suitable.

"An extra compensation of 10 Specie Daler will be granted you for the mould and other work connected with the water mark for the paper. Also, if you send a reasonable bill for previous drawings it will be paid you.

"If the stamped cloth for watermark is not delivered by the next 8th of July to the chosen paper mill, that is, Bense paper mill and if two million stamps are not delivered to the department of the interior within six weeks after your receipt of the paper, you will be fined 5 Specie Daler for every day beyond the mentioned terms.

"The Department reserves the right to inspect and control the work thus entrusted to you. Which control will precede the counting of the stamps."

On the same date as the above contract was entered into (June 20th) the Department also made a contract with the Bense paper mills for the manufacture of 50 to 55 reams of paper to be made chiefly of reindeer hemp, and about $17\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ inches in size.

The printing took place during the months of July to September and the distribution took place on October 1st of the same year, i. e. 1854.

The records show that a total of 2,018,200 stamps were printed and of this number 1,127,000 were sent out up to December 31st, 1854. The balance were distributed as required in 1856 and 1857.

Under date of September 29, 1854, the following circular was sent to all Postmasters and Post Clerks:

(a) Stamps will be accessible to the post offices in sheets, each sheet containing two hundred stamps. The sender should apply stamps to the letter on same side as the address and in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of the law. On the back side the stamps are covered with glue, which becomes adhesive when moistened.

(b) When a letter is insufficiently stamped it must be redeemed by 5 skillings for each exceeding lod or part of a lod. For example a letter weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ lod and carrying one stamp, is redeemed by 5 skilling; if it weighs $2\frac{1}{2}$ lod it requires 10 skilling.

(c) Letters to foreign countries (Sweden included) are taxed like formerly. Such letters cannot be paid by stamps.

The use of stamps was not obligatory and under date of December 12, 1854, a notice to this effect was incorporated in a circular.

Arrangements were gradually made for the use of stamps to prepay postage to foreign countries.

On February 21, 1855, the privilege was first extended to mail for France and Algeria, and on March 5th of the same year to Corsica. The rate in each case was 26 skilling for a letter weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ lod. This would apparently require $6\frac{1}{2}$ stamps but the writer has so far not seen a cover bearing a bisected stamp to make this rate.

In a circular dated April 25, 1855, a further sweeping order was announced.

"(4) Letters sent by boat from Norway to Denmark, or in transit over Denmark and thus handled by the Danish post office, can hereafter be paid by stamps, which must be attached in sufficient numbers to correspond with the money amount otherwise required. An ordinary letter to the Danish states, Hamburg or Lubeck will therefore require four stamps; an ordinary letter to Prussia takes six stamps. A letter to Great Britain and Ireland takes nine stamps and so forth."

(To Be Continued.)

RARE STAMP SALES WILL BEGIN SOON

The season of postage stamp auction sales is about to start, and from now until June 1 auctions will be held every month either at the Collector's Club in Forty-ninth Street or in the rooms of various Nassau Street dealers.

The several companies will open the season with an exceptionally fine offering of United States stamps, including some copies on the original envelopes. The big feature of the sale is a thirty-cent stamp of the 1869 issue, with the central flag design inverted. The stamp is in two colors, blue and carmine, and by an error a few copies of the fifteen, twenty-four and thirty-cent values of this issue were printed with the central design inverted. The thirty-cent "invert" to be sold next Saturday is valued at \$1,750.

The highest auction price ever paid for one of these thirty-cent "inverts" was \$3,500, given for a beautiful unused copy in the Worthington sale in this city in August, 1917. An excellent used copy in good condition brought \$1,500, the buyer being Colonel E. H. R. Green. A twenty-four-cent inverted center, said to be the only unused copy known, sold for \$2,850, but the highest price for one of these rarities was paid for a magnificent unused fifteen-cent inverted center, \$4,100, which remains a record auction price for one of the 1869 errors.

The early issues of the United States stamps are well represented in the sale, including a large variety of shades. There is an average unused copy of the New York Postmaster five-cent stamp. Among the 1857 lot is a fine mint copy of the five-cent brick red.

Another New York stamp company will sell at auction a large collection of United States and nineteenth century foreign stamps. Among them are some specimens that seldom come into the auction market, including several of the rare Swiss canton issues of Geneva, Basle and Zurich, the rest being the Geneva ten-cent used, having a catalogue value of \$900. There are also some rare Spanish and French stamps, while among the choice United States are a thirty-cent unused, 1860 issue, valued at \$400, and a five-dollar State Department stamp, valued at \$225.

ROOSEVELT STAMP TO WIDOW.

First Sheet of New 5-Cent Issue Will Go to Members of Family.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The first stamp of the new 5-cent denomination bearing the likeness of President Roosevelt will be presented to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt next Friday, when the issue will be placed on sale at Oyster Bay, N. Y., Roosevelt's home, in New York City, his birthplace, and at the Washington Philatelic agency. Five stamps, each from the first sheet, will be given to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assistant secretary of the navy, and Mrs. Alice Longworth, son and daughter of the late president. Except at the three offices named, the stamps will not be sold until the present supply of 5-cent stamps is exhausted.

A New York Philatelist nearly died of shame when he learned that a Chicago collector had secured a rarer stamp than he had in his collection.—Sparks.

The coin he loved to own proved to be an 1804 U. S. Silver Dollar.—Sparks.
Stamp collecting would be more pleasant if you did not go to the savings bank so often.—Sparks.

**MANY, COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ARE AROUSING CRITICISM OF THE
PHILATELISTS IN AMERICA.**

Announcements from the stamp centers abroad show that the printing of new issues continues to go merrily. The United States will soon join the long list of countries which have brought out something new for postal use.

Philatelists do not criticise new issues or changes for which there is a genuine reason, but, owing to the mass of merely speculative stamp material and the heavily overdone commemorative stamp activity, several strong protests have recently arisen, something hitherto virtually unknown in the circle of collectors and dealers.

An issue of stamp tokens or stickers was recently put out in Geneva during the central administration meetings of the league of nations. Eleven of the current Swiss stamps were overprinted in black with the inscription "Societe des Nations."

Restricted to League Mail.

They were not sold to the general public, but were restricted to use on mail sent through the league. It is stated, however, that as a concession to collectors the Postoffice Department supplied a substantial quantity pre-cancelled with the special league of nations postmark, and this supply was quickly bought up. They will in future years possess a certain curious interest, but as recognized stamps they are negligible.

Italy has also joined this advertising stamp tendency by issuing, in honor of the meeting of the Italian Philatelic Congress at Trieste, four of its current stamps, the 10, 15, 25 and 40 centesimi values, overprinted with the name of the congress and the date.

Several of the new Monaco stamps with the portrait of the new prince and other designs have recently arrived here. In view of the abdication of Constantine in Greece a new issue may be looked for in the near future from that country to show that King George is the ruler.

Italy Issues New Series.

Italy has also come to the front again with another commemorative issue, following the Dante stamps a few months ago. This new set is in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Italian patriot and writer, Mazzini, who died at Pira in 1872.

Despite the fact that he had worked all his life for a free Italy under a republican form of government, he was accorded a public funeral by the government. The Mazzini stamps contain but three values. They were placed on sale late in September, and it is announced that they will be withdrawn from postal use on October 31.

For the three values, only 400,000 will be printed, and only 250,000 will be disposed of through the postoffices, the remainder being contributed to a charitable institution for sale to stamp collectors. During the period of sales through the postoffice it is stated that only five sets will be sold to an applicant.

This evidently means at one purchase, but it would not be difficult to make purchases on other days or from other postoffices. The values are 25, 40 and 80 centesimi, an allegorical design being on the 25-cent stamp, a portrait of Mazzini on the 40-cent, and a view of his final resting place on the 80-centesimi stamp.

Egypt Alters Designs.

New stamps for Egypt are also reported bearing the portrait of King

Fuad I, with a vignette of the pyramids below. This will be a new departure for Egyptian stamps. They will be ready early in the new year.

New stamps for Norway are also in preparation. Their distinctive feature will be a design showing the national arms of Norway, a lion rampant flourishing a battle-ax, which have been absent from Norwegian stamps since 1871.

With the recent annexation of Central Lithuania to Poland, the stamps formerly issued by that country have been declared obsolete and all unused stocks have been ordered sent to Warsaw to be burned.

If this is carried out, it will eliminate several million cheap stamps of the new Europe series which are rapidly losing favor with the philatity stamp showing a view of a flooded country with flying wild geese.

PHILATELY IN PHILADELPHIA.

We have on our desk a small pile of cuttings from the "Public Ledger," extending back to the early part of the present year and including two whole pages, one on "The World's Greatest Fakes," the other on "Little Pieces of Paper More Precious than Diamonds." They are as remarkable for their up-to-dateness and power of recruiting new collectors as for their lavish illustrations, including numerous new issues and stamps of momentary and perpetual interest. Mr. George M. Emery, the principal contributor, is doing his work well, and our American cousins have cause to congratulate themselves that they have such an able and enthusiastic "extensioner" to spread the gospel of philately in their midst. Articles and paragraphs on postage stamps are a frequent feature of British newspapers, but they have not yet attained the bold display with which they are set forth in the columns of the American lay press. Let us be bold enough to express the conviction that the day is not far distant when all our leading dailies will have their displayed pages of stamp talk and learning. Certainly they will serve a wider purpose than pages about boxing, billiards, football and golf.

STAMPS AT THE RIO EXHIBITION.

Not least among the numerous international contributions to the Brazilian Centenary Exhibition, which opened at Rio de Janeiro a few days ago, is the inclusion of displays of postage stamps by several Governments, including that of the United States. For the occasion the latter has brought upon itself doubtful renown by specially manufacturing, to complete the exhibit of U. S. A. stamps, two "reprints" of the rarest of all aeroplane adhesives—the 24 cents red and blue of May, 1918, with centre inverted—a stamp with a "£150 look." One of these has been sent to Rio and the other deposited in the archives at Washington. Presumably the ultimate destination of the former is the National Collection in the Smithsonian Institute.

A NOVELTY IN STRIKES.

An unusual incident of the long drawn out strike of postal workers in Spain (officially reported to have ended but unofficially alleged to be as obstinate as ever) was the decision of the Madrid postmen not to cancel stamps with the official mark and date. Owing to this large numbers of stamps were used again and again, and it is estimated that during the few days that this particular form of protest was in force the Spanish government lost 2,000,000 pesetas (£80,000) a day.—Stamp Collecting.

WEST exchange department. Are you using it? If not, why not?

REVENUE NEWS OR NEARLY SO—By Oscar T. Hartmann.

Outside the catalog for Canadian revenues there has been no new catalog. Forbin issued his last catalog 1915, so there are many new issues, but information is lacking, and I shall give this information only where I have proof.

Argentina—A new design for documentary was adopted in 1913 and I possess several values up to 1919. Draft stamps have continued in same design with change of date up to 1919 incl. Corrientes got an issue in 1915. Sante Fe fomentos in 1914, 15, 16, 17.

Brazil a new 1920 documentary set. I got the values 20, 300, 500 reis, 1000, to 5000, 10,000 and 100,000 reis. A pretty set. Other values must exist but I have not got them yet. Lotteric license, a 50, 100, 300 reis issue 1913 and a newer one in similar design of 1920. Also a new insular stamp (4000 reis.)

U. S. of Columbia, a dated issue 1913-14, value 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 cents; dated 1915-16, 1, 2, 3, 5, and two 10, diff. colors. Undated issue, engraver: Villaveres. Values. 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 cents. Also a later issue, engraved by Am. Bk. Note Co., value 4, 10c and a 10 pesos.

Chile—A 50c reengraved type of 1912, also 2 pesos, new design, cancelled Dec. 1920.

Cuba—A new numeral design 1920, values 2, 5, 10c and \$1. Previous some of the postage may stamps were surcharged: Timbre National, for revenue purposes.

San Domingo added some values to the 1912 issue.

Ecuador—The design of 1897-98, only with minor changes has been kept in use up to date. Issues 1915-16, 1917-18, 1919-20, unsurcharged, and surcharged 1516 on 1911-12, and 1917-18 on 1911-12, also 1921-1922 on 1919-1920.

Haiti—A new commerce set in 1914. I have 7 controll end of the double stamp and cannot give the respective value.

Peru keeps its crop of about 5 values for each year. I have seen some values of 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20.

Bolivia had a new issue in 1914. Seen 2 values.

Nicaragua changed values and colors about 1913-14.

Salvador—Many new year dates.

Uruguay—They say that this country has finally stopped its quarterly issue of 37 stamps and adopted a new way and design.

Venezuela issued a final set in 1917 of which I know 5, 50 cent., 1, 2, 3, 10 bolivares. There is also a federal issue.

India special adhesives, bill stamps, share transfer and court fee all come with the head of King George. The green is printed in fugitive color and turned yellow green and of little value when discolored.

New South Wales—Just came across a new ½d, and 2d design. A small stamp in single colors.

Japan—Some time before or after 1909 some lower value of the 1900 issue appear on wavy line watermarked paper. The higher value issue 1909 came also watermarked.

France has various new issues. Design good deal like the copies of 1893. Quittances 25, 30, 40, 50 centimes; import 2, 20, 25, 50c., 1 fr.; vivement 10c; taxe failment 1 fr.; centrale 40c; 1, 5, 10 fr. There is also many French colonies. Same are described in a French stamp paper.

Austria—Just received a new 100 kronen documentary stamp.

There must be many new Swiss canton issued, but all I have are fed-

eral issue 5, 10, 25, 50 cent., 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, fr.

The last Borneo issue was 1916. I have a few values like 2, 4, 10, 20, 60 hel, 2 krone. Also a war issue with surcharge on the 1912 issue 1, 10, 20, 25, 50 hel, 1 krone.

Bulgaria—20, 50 nape., 1 p.

Hungary—1921 a new tax of 3 p. c. on all business turnover values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30, 50, 100, 300, and 500 kronen. And it will be many years before they can come into the money as they supposed to stay on the document 10 years. The title is: Forgálvni Ado!

DON'T NEGLECT POSTMARKS.

An interesting side-line, and one which is not unlikely to be profitable within the next few years, is the development of postmark collecting in connection with stamps. Not frequently specialists include specimens of postmarks found on stamps, and of course this has long since been developed in the case of the stamps of our own and some other countries. We observe, however, a constantly increasing tendency on the part of thinking collectors to greater appreciation of postmarks of all countries, and it is surprising how many rarities are to be found. As the vogue increases (and since the development is an intelligent one, it is bound to increase) their value is bound to appreciate, and with this in mind collectors should think twice before removing duplicates of even common current stamps from the piece of "original." If you want an example of this, take any of the smaller countries and see how many postmarks you can locate. In first issues the study of postmarks has the greatest value, for in countries now "large" in the philatelic sense, the post offices in the days of their first issues were not numerous, and the list of possible genuine cancellations is thereby greatly restricted. We shall be glad to hear from collectors who have compiled such lists with a view to their publication in these columns.—Philatelic Magazine.

BULLETIN NO. 13.

The collecting of Foreign Revenues stamps offers the beginner a hobby which equals postage stamps and has the advantage that no distinction is made between used and unused. No reprints, and very few counterfeits exist, which command a higher price anyway. No unnecessary or speculative stamps are issued. Another advantage is, you have plenty time to hear about new issues, because most of the stamps have to stay on the papers, documents, etc., several years before they get into the market.

The study of Revenues reveal the income of Governments, how the different taxes are levied, and what the objects are, which are taxed. The philatelist who is eager to discover unknown varieties, even issues, will find joy in uncatalogued perforations, watermarks, shades, etc.,

Revenues are not so easily picked up as postage, which should increase the pleasure, and you have to hunt in other fields. Many revenues are cheap at the present time, but are bound to jump some day.

Foreign Revenues make an interesting hobby.

Every man has a lot of old coins and medals—the history of them would be an interesting study.

Collecting is running off with another man's wife.

A word to the wise. "Stick to coins or stamps."

HOW BEST CAN INTEREST IN PHILATELY BE STIMULATED?

Competition, approved by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, for the best paper or article upon a selected Philatelic subject; open to all members of any affiliated society, to members of Congress, and to philatelists whose names have been inscribed upon the Congress Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

The Ninth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, in session at Bath last June, unanimously approved of a scheme for competitive papers upon a selected Philatelic Subject, under which a piece of silver plate will be awarded to the author of the paper which is judged the most worthy; the selected paper will be read at the ensuing Congress and printed in the Congress Annual Report.

The subject selected for the Tenth Philatelic Congress is:

How best can interest in Philately be Stimulated?

Details of the scheme are fully set out below.

The length of the paper must not exceed 7,000 words nor be less than 3,000. It must be written under a nom de plume (or motto, if preferred, type-written in triplicate, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed, in type-writing, to the Honorary Secretary of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Mr. J. Stanley Telfer, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing in type-writing, the nom de plume or motto, outside, and containing the name and address of the author inside.

The latest date allowed for the receipt of the letters is February 28th, 1923, and they should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, 61-62 Chancery Lane, W. C. 2., England.

The papers will be read and judged under the nom de plume or motto. The sealed envelope accompanying the winning paper will then be opened and the author will be asked to attend and read the paper at the ensuing Congress, the copyright of the winning paper to belong to Congress.

A Silver Vase suitably engraved with the successful competitor's name, will be presented at the ensuing Congress or at the Banquet terminating that Congress. Should there be only one competitor, or if the Permanent Congress Executive Committee consider that no paper submitted is worthy, no award will be made.

PROPAGANDA BY POSTMARK.—W. Ward.

The Irish Free State Government has soon realized the power of advertising by postmark. The first postal cancellation to appear comes from Cork, advertising the first National Games to be held there in August, together with the exhortation to learn Irish!

LEARN IRISH—

TAILTEANN—

GAMES AUGUST—

The Belgian government is also using a postmark at present, in English, "Ostend-Dover, the quickest boats to the Continent. Two services daily."

Stamp collectors are at present keenly searching among the letters from Ireland bearing the new Gaelic overprint of the Free State Government, for the ½d. and 2d. stamps, of which several of the sheets were accidentally surcharged upside down, and for the 1½d. stamp showing the error of spelling of the word halfpence, reading HALFPENF. The inverted overprints are already being sold readily at £3 each, and the halfpenf variety at ten shillings.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Many collectors have favored us with notes, clippings and news matter. We would like to thank you one and all for your kind interest. We are glad to see even a post card containing notes or items for collectors.

The stamp season gathers speed. Stimulate your business with some of the goods now available to you.

You like our magazine—boost it. Help us get more subscribers and we can make the magazine even better than it is now.

United States are putting motor cycles instead of bicycles on special delivery stamps now, but the speed limit is the same.

Belgium No. 1 was named the world's handsomest stamp by a contest recently conducted through a European stamp paper.

Contributions are invited from readers who have something worth while to say. Make it snappy and there'll be room for the other fellow.

The bigger a collection the better the value.

The first aerial mail was carried on the 9th of September, 1911, from London to Windsor.

A Californian has papered a room with 105,000 stamps from thirty-five nations.

Study the auction sales. They will keep you posted on value which you should record for future reference. All serious-minded collectors do this.

You're handicapped if you are not a regular subscriber.

It is the boy of today that will be the specialist of tomorrow. Encourage him.

Why wait until tomorrow? Send Want X Ads TODAY.

Don't try to corner the stamp market; you'll get stuck if you do.

Think better times, talk better times, and we shall have better times, for "as a man thinketh so is he."

Trade those articles you don't need for something you want with an exchange ad in our next issue.

Sow dimes and reap dollars by advertising in this successful publication.

Want X Ad is a trade pointer. It tells you where, how and when to buy and sell.

If you enjoy this paper tell your neighbor about it. That will make all three of us happy.

Newfoundland's latest "propaganda" postmark reads: "Have you contributed to the War Memorial?"

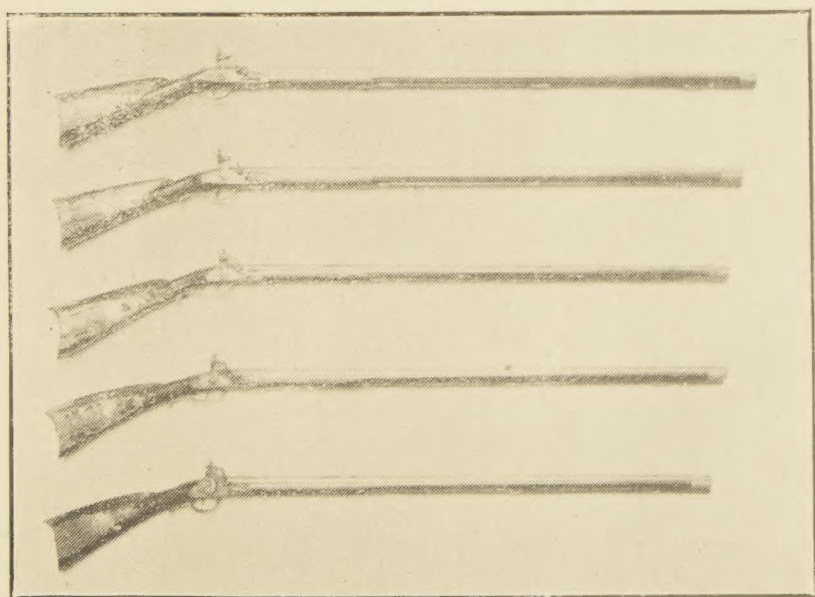
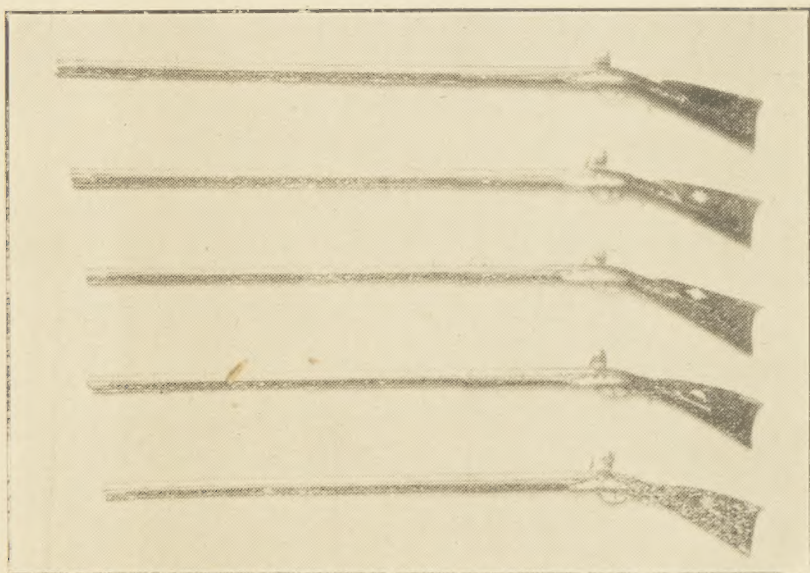
The collector who doesn't subscribe loses \$ \$ \$.

Books are the same as people, I think. We like to see both attractively clothed, but in each it is the soul that counts * * *

Read the Questions and Answers page. You may have the same kind of problems. If not, send in your questions.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." You will never know how the Ad pulls until you try it.

It appears that 4000 years ago, stamps were in use at Babylon, and they were made of not paper as it is today, nor of metal, but of clay. Such a mould was unearthed recently at the same place.



FLINT LOCK RIFLES

"KAINTUCKS"

From the Collection of Dr. A. G. Clyne,
Paragould, Ark.

Believed to be the finest specimens of these famous arms in
existence.



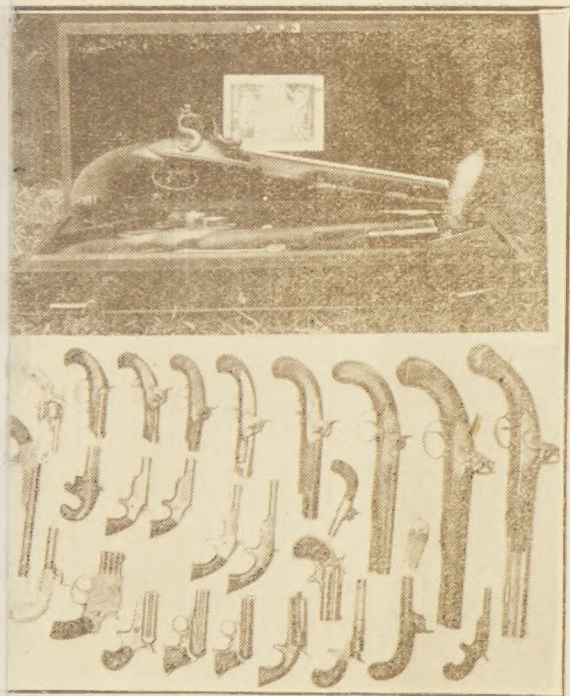
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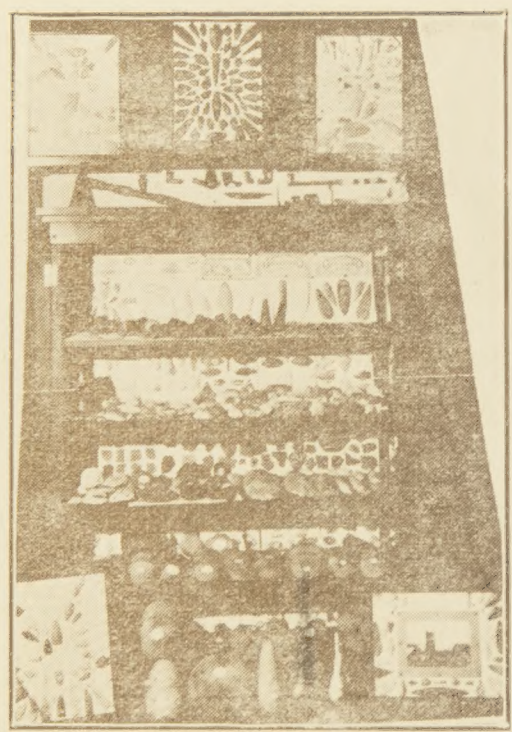


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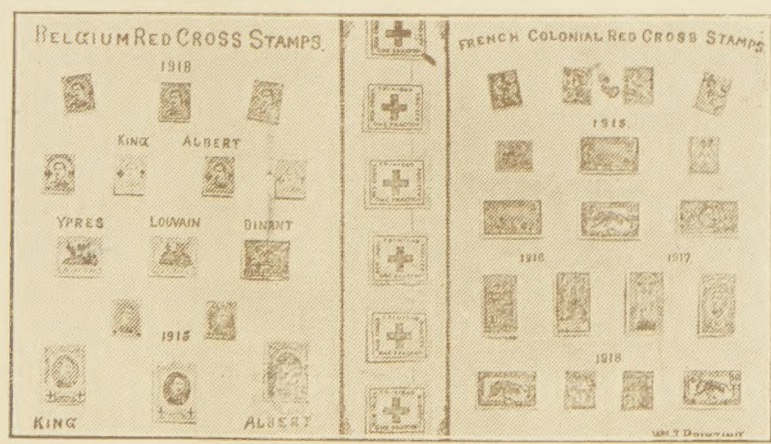
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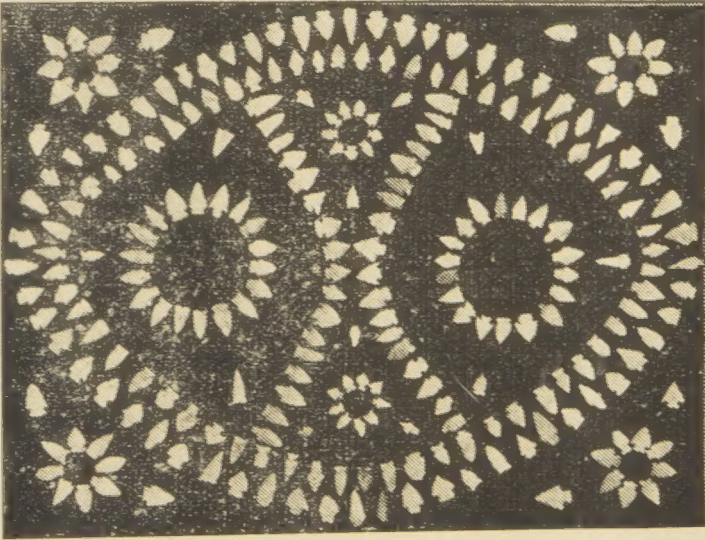


RED CROSS STAMPS

1 from a Texas
Collection



A CORNER OF THE COLLECTION
of
W. D. WHEELER of Adrian, Michigan.



DECORATE YOUR DEN WITH A FRAME OF INDIAN RELICS.
I HAVE SEVERAL FRAMES—EACH 3 FT. X 4 FT.—SIMILAR TO
ABOVE BUT WITH DIFFERENT DESIGNS. IF INTERESTED WRITE
FOR DESIGNS AND PRICES.

J. M. BROOKS

GOLDEN CITY

MISSOURI

NUMISMATICS

Of all antiquities coins are the smallest, yet, as a class, the most authoritative in record, and the widest in range. No history is so unbroken as that which they tell; no geography so complete; no art so continuous in sequence; nor so broad in extent; no mythology so ample and so various. Unknown kings, lost towns, forgotten divinities, new schools of art, have here their authentic record.

Please send us notes and clippings on coins, coinage, currency, medals, etc. We will appreciate such a favor and give credit for all that is sent. In co-operating with us in this way you will help make the contents of our department more interesting. M. SORENSON, 405 E AVENUE WEST, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

A souvenir silver dollar, through a quaint and coincidental trend of circumstances, links San Francisco of the late "seventies" with the father of Shrinedom itself. Its history was refreshed this summer, when the Shrine temples from all America gathered there. Forty-three years ago William J. Florence, the mention of whose name will recall many memories to old-time lovers of the theater, himself the founder of the Masonic Order of the Mystic Shrine, on his return on one occasion to America from a visit to Europe, caused a souvenir dollar to be cast in San Francisco. The occasion was a memorable one. At that time William J. Florence and his wife, together with their company, played the hundredth performance of "The Mighty Dollar" at the old California Theater, which stood then on Bush street, below Grant.

On the face of the souvenir coin, a facsimile of the American dollar, but rather heavier, are the profiles of the actor and his wife in relief, and written around the rim: "presented by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Florence." On the reverse is the legend, "The Mighty Dollar," and the engraved superscription of the person's name to whom it was presented, together with an encircling wreath of laurel.

When the Alabama commemorative half-dollar appeared it was claimed that Thomas E. Kilby, the present governor of Alabama, had the distinction of being the only American who had seen his own portrait on a United States coin. This is not exactly correct if the current story is true that the first dime issued by the United States mint bore a likeness of Martha Washington. This so incensed George Washington that a new die was prepared, bearing a different bust of Liberty. And several of the early coppers bore portraits of Washington, while he was yet alive.

In cases where certain persons have posed for artists making designs for new coins, as in the case of Miss Williams, Chief Iron Tail and lastly Mrs. de Francisci, only the general features of the model is used by the artist in typifying the figure he is working on.

Gold dollars were coined during a period of 40 years. It was first issued in 1849 when the excitement over the California gold discovery was at its height, and it was discontinued in 1889.

Recently there was a strike among the printers in Berlin, Germany, and as a consequence the government printing office was unable to turn out the daily grist of "currency". Knowing the value of German "money", we are wondering why such a little incident should worry the government. Why didn't they use tobacco coupons instead? These would have been quite as valuable. There is an old saying that a German will do anything for money. Tons of perfectly good paper, which might have been put to better use, has been printed in gaudy colors and scattered out over the world under the name of "emergency money". And still it is coming. These

issues are speculative, pure and simple, calculated to lure the collector, but he is beginning to see the hook behind the bait, and his interest in that kind of "money" is rapidly waning. Collecting this stuff is going beyond the limits of numismatics. As well collect soap tickets and chewing gum coupons.

Not long ago I had occasion to see an old and interesting piece of currency, a \$2.00 bill, issued by the Colony of Maryland two years before the Declaration of Independence. The reverse side bore the tobacco leaf design often seen on colonial currency, a design which in those days was considered very difficult to copy. However, the colony thought well to publish on each bill the penalty, " 'Tis Death to Counterfeit."

In early colonial days when English coin was scarce, bullets, cotton, cloth, corn, furs, tobacco and codfish were used as media of exchange. But the arrival of printing presses brought a far too convenient method of making money.

"Bills of Credit" first were printed to meet the emergencies of the Indian wars and this kind of money came so easy that the colonies began to produce it to cover ordinary expenses. Then when some of the colonial governments failed to redeem their bills promptly the public lost confidence in paper money and its value was small compared to that of metallic currency.

American Minister Brentano has warned the Hungarian public against tolerating the practice of money changers who are refusing to accept, or are discounting, American bank notes of the Buffalo and Indian head series. The brokers' prejudice against these notes seems to be based on nothing more substantial than the belief that since the Indians and the Buffaloes are virtually extinct, the bank notes must be worthless.

HOO SAYS THAT THERE IS NOTHING NEW.

Some two or three years ago I was struck with the idea of making a collection of the war buttons, such as the U. S. loans, Red Cross, and all the political buttons of presidents and governors, congressmen, etc. I at once proceeded to act. I started my collection with a large button that was then seen a good deal on auto cars, of the flags of America, Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Belgium, and Italia. These were all on one large button about 6 inches in diameter, and around it I collected presidentials first. I was lucky in getting all from McKinley down to our present president, and a few of the G. A. R. buttons and badges, and governors and others. I have now about 60 or 70 different buttons that I think are of great historical value, they not only give events of history but in most all cases of our presidents their photo of them, so that we can get a thorough knowledge of the time gone by. Both political and otherwise, I consider this one of the greatest if not the greatest collection that any one can possess, and it will be a valuable one at that for the buttons are about the scarcest thing I have tried to collect, at least all of them prior to this time, and I would like to hear from others on this subject. I have a very few of extras or duplicates, for as I said they are about as scarce as hens' teeth to get., and will be glad to answer such questions as I am able to, providing parties will enclose a stamp when they write. Let all that are interested start a good and lively chase after the buttons and see if any exists anywhere and start a real hobby—F. C. Kratz.

All bumps on a collector's head do not indicate knowledge. Sometimes his wife is the reason.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

AT A. N. A. CONVENTION.

I would like to start some missionary work with the boy collector. I have not given the subject much thought, although I have such a plan in mind. It is one thing to get a boy interested in collecting, but another thing to get that boy where he can get cheap coins with the few cents he may have to spend. What good is it to give addresses before schools, such as I do, and tell them the educational value of our subject, if you cannot tell them how they can obtain things with which to pursue that subject? We must reason that out. He does not care about the condition and does not want to pay big prices, but wants to work on the subject, and if we could have co-operation in some way for the distribution of cheap coins of a nice variety, that would be an ideal thing. It is unfortunate that our subject suffers to this extent.

You cannot criticise dealers who sell coins for profit, for they do not have the time to take care of the boy who wants five cents' or ten cents' worth of coins. Our subject deals with money. It is a temptation when you lay out coins in front of a boy without watching him. The dealer cannot afford to take his time and observe a boy pick over fifty or a hundred coins and maybe select ten cents' worth. How are we going to handle it? The dealers who have shops who could handle boy trade would do our association a great deal of service and encourage the boy who does not know much about the subject to buy a specimen he has not in his collection, and who is more delighted than the advanced collector who has a rarity. If we can, we must try to do something to encourage new collectors. As to missionary work among the boys, I believe we could do some good work locally with our Boy Scout organization if a local collector would simply make it known. He will receive a hearty welcome and he can give the boys a talk about his collection. In this way we can work our way among the boys and get them interested in our subject.

WARNING TO INDIAN RELIC COLLECTORS!

Indian relic collectors, throughout the country, are hereby cautioned to be on the look-out for a shrewd schemer who worked a "con-game," under the name of Charles Sherry, on an unsuspecting widow woman—Mrs. Ruth Langredge, 719 N. Clinton St., Albion, Mich.

Mrs. Langredge was the possessor of a very good Indian relic collection, left to her by her deceased husband, worth several hundred dollars. She had refused many bona-fide offers for this collection and finally "fell" for the old story—"the smooth stranger."

This man, calling himself Chas. Sherry, of Saint Louis, Mo., came along and offered the widow a big price for the collection which she accepted. Mrs. Langredge was very, very foolish, however, when she accepted the stranger's check in payment.

Sherry's check has come back to the bank at Albion with that well-known notation, "no funds—party unknown." This warning is handed out to the collecting fraternity, in general, to be on the look-out for suspicious strangers offering big prices and tendering checks in payment. The chief of police at Albion, Mich., would like to learn the particulars of any similar "deals" and the whereabouts of the perpetrator, if known.

The moral, however, is obvious. DO NOT ACCEPT CHECKS FROM STRANGERS.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

AUTOGRAPH AND OTHER NOTES:

Written fro "WEST" by "Autto Graphe."

***** Some superb paintings were dispersed, in London lately. The collection of Baroness Burdett-Coutts was sold. Prices fetched were very, very low. Some of them may be of interest: Thomas Faed's "Home and the Homeless", brought only 480 guineas; Edwin Long's Sir Henry Irving as "Non Der Drecken," brought only 15 guineas; Samuel Prout's picture of "Market Place", Munich, brought a mere 175 guineas.

***** Here is something to make tears run down one's alabaster brow; a lot of some 600 A. L. S. of Charles Dickens, brought slightly in excess of \$2,000 for the lot. Thank God, the slaughtered letters went to an American, Mr. O. R. B. of Kenilworth, Ill. Can't imagine 600 Dickens A. L. S. for \$2,000 —slightly in excess of \$3 00 each.

***** A New York dealer, recently, sold the manuscript of Walt Whitman's "After All Not To Create Only," for \$1,500.00. ***** The choir will now sing "Just As I Am."

***** Anybody want to buy my signature? I'll write it beautifully for \$634.79, P. O. M. O.

***** A Wisconsin gentleman, Mr. E. G. Foster, owns an autograph album of great value. It contains some splendid items, including signatures of Ingersoll, Lowell, Whittier, Walt Whitman, Harriet Beecher Stowe; a verse from "The Chambered Nautilus", signed by Oliver Wendell Holmes, the author; Julius Ward Howe, some verses from the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", etc. This is a prized possession. I'd like to own it, believe me.

***** The Kansas City "Times" for April 11th, 1921, contained facsimiles of 5 original signatures, known ones, of William Shakespeare. No autograph of Shakespeare has been sold within my memory, except one: a signature on the title page of one of the folios. This was sold to C. F. Gunther of Chicago, now dead, for \$1,000, which it was easily worth. It was sold to Mr. Gunther by Bishop B., then of Omaha. A genuine autograph of the great Bard could easily be exchanged for a "fleet of flivvers".

***** Many relics of Lord Byron the poet were sold some time past in London. Among the relics were included: the original grant, dated 1616, from James I. of England of the ancestral home to the original Byron; a four-poster bedstead of Jacobean oak, originally the property of Oliver Cromwell; and other relics.

***** The Art collection of the late Theodore N. Vail was sold recently at Anderson's. The collection, an extremely fine one, realized \$131,865.25. The highest price realized for a single item was \$3,400 for a chintz panel with center medallion holding a portrait of George Washington. Books from the library of George Washington, each with his bookplate and autograph on title page, brought \$1,900. The first edition of Thackeray's Vanity Fair in original parts realized \$900.00; letters of Washington, extraordinary ones, to be sure, realized \$360.00 and \$470.00 each. Another brought \$325.00. An original painting from life of Washington by Rembrandt Peale realized \$750.00. This was cheap, for it is believed that it has never been reproduced. There were many other fine things in this sale.

***** At a recent Philadelphia sale of autographs murder in the first degree was committed. Letters of Longfellow sold for \$1.25; Lowell for \$1.50; and so on. Whoever consigned the material realized but a fraction of what they paid. It surely is curious. One sale the prices will be out of all proportion to the value of the autographs; at another prices will be extremely low. I have

known sales in Phila where practically every item sold for more than it was actually worth. Auctions are a gamble. You may get big prices and you may get practically nothing.

**** Recently I saw a choice volume, or rather, item: A book from the library of Thomas Gray, author of the famous "Elegy". The volume was of small interest in itself, but upon the title page was the autograph signature "T. Gray" of the poet. Gray's is a very rare autograph. This was a very choice item, indeed.

**** If there is one branch of autograph collecting I would advise the beginner to eschew it is this, collecting signatures. Ordinary signature, purchased at \$.10 to \$.50 each will not realize 1-10 of what you paid for them when you come to sell them. This does not, of course, include signatures of the Presidents, and the great names, such as Lowell, Whittier, Longfellow, Kings, etc. A collection of signatures of actors and actresses, when you come to sell it, is usually worth about 689,763,000 Russian kopeks,—smaller than which no sum could be whicher.

**** But if you collect good letters, preferably A. L. S. of the Presidents now, noted authors, musicians, etc., you can always realize a goodly per-cent of what you paid, and oftimes more. Buy a set of A. L. S. of the Presidents now, and in 10 years they will be worth at least 50 per cent more than the price you paid. Letters of the Presidents are better than Govt. bonds. No dealer has any stock of them to speak of. Can't keep a stock of them. They are always in demand, readily saleable, and never depreciate in value. What more could one ask?

**** The following article was contributed by a well known collector who desires his name withheld. I enjoyed it immensely. So, I think, will you:

AUTOGRAPH REMINISCENCE.

Autograph hunting has its refinements at the present day if it lacks the appearance of modesty which was once one of the most useful wiles of the successful hunter. Celebrities of the moment are not only stalked with picture postcards and fountain pens, but the complete hunter hardly considers himself fully equipped without a writing pad with a blotter and a camera, with which to snap-shot the prey in the act of surrender.

It is one of the penalties of notoriety to be solicited incessantly for autographs. People nowadays have no hesitation in requesting a poem, an impromptu, an epigram, for their albums. Albums, indeed, are somewhat out of date—but an autograph—what more easy, more reasonable, and less likely to be refused? And so it comes to pass, that every mail brings to our already over-employed public man, a request, meant to be flattering, for a pen and ink memento of his name and talent, which forthwith goes to swell the list of some autograph hunter who has grown old in the service.

Back in the Sixties a request was addressed to Senator John Randolph at Washington, D. C. The Senator had departed from this planet some twenty years before, and the letter was accordingly delivered into the hands of the only John Randolph whose name appeared in the City Directory, and elicited the following sarcastic reply:

My Dear Sir:—

Washington, D. C. March 1st, 1858.

Your brilliant epistle addressed to the Hon. John Randolph, Washington, D. C., requesting his autograph, is now, by a train of circumstances unforeseen by you, upon my table. The letter was delivered to me, as John Randolph of Roanoke, departed this life some 18 or 20 years since. You are not altogether,

however, unfortunate that your communication has fallen into my hands, for, applauding your zeal in so patriotic an undertaking, I will be happy to assist you, by forwarding the signatures of some of my remarkable acquaintances. **I am sorry I am not able to do so at present.**

My friend, General George Washington, is not at present in town, but should he return soon, I shall lay your letter before him. I have several other distinguished friends, of whom you may not have heard, but on diligent inquiry you will readily discover that their names are worthy a place in your priceless album. William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon, England, has some little renown in the world of letters, who, I have no doubt, will cheerfully oblige you, when I meet him next. Mr. Julius Caesar of Rome, Italy, was wont also to be kind in this respect, and the autograph of my particular friend Judas Iscariot, a distinguished Hebrew gentleman, would suit your collection exactly. He would, doubtless, dispose of it for a small consideration as his character is notoriously pecuniary.

Should I meet any of these gentlemen shortly, I shall, assuredly, oblige you, and had not the immortal Adam of Paradise, expired a few days since, I would have enriched your collection by his valuable signature.

If you think proper to reply to this, drop the "Hon" and pay the postage.

At any rate you have the autograph of Yours, with profound respect,

JOHN RANDOLPH.

The monetary circulation of Cuba, before the American occupation, was composed largely of Spanish gold and of various silver coins; there was no paper money. As Cuba's industries developed, the need for a more modern currency became urgent, and on October 29, 1914, a monetary law was enacted by which the Cuban gold peso, equal to the American dollar in weight and fineness, was made the standard, and all owners of the then existing currencies were required to turn them in at the National Bank of Cuba to be shipped abroad. The total amount so shipped during the years 1914 to 1917 was about 64 millions dollars. The portion shipped to America was melted and recoinced into the new Cuban currency at the United States mint and about 31.2 millions of the new money was sent to Cuba. The composition of the currency so shipped was as follows: Gold coins, 23.8 millions; silver, 6.7 millions; nickel coins, 0.7 million. Recently our mints have been striking great amounts of coins for Cuba. In addition to the circulation of hard money Cuba uses American paper currency, largely Federal Reserve notes, which are supplied to it by American banks. It was estimated that at the end of last year there were about sixty millions of American paper money in Cuba. There is no record of the amount of this currency returned to the United States, but it may be estimated that the total amount in circulation in Cuba is approximately 150 million dollars. The gold, of which there is about 24 millions, is held largely by the treasury and in the banks, while the active circulation consists of paper money and silver and nickel coins.

HAYES 50-CENT PIECES AUTHORIZED.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The senate today passed a bill authorizing the coinage of one hundred thousand 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred anniversary of the birth of President Rutherford B. Hayes. The bill was introduced by Senator Willis of Ohio.

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MEDALS.—By M. Sorensen.

The Harding peace medal was issued from the Philadelphia mint some time ago. This completes the set of medals struck off for each president since George Washington.

The medal is of bronze and on the obverse side in bas relief is the profile of Mr. Harding with the words "Inaugurated President of the United States, March 4, 1921," while on the reverse is the word "Peace" above a spread eagle which has a lamp on one side and a book on the other, and below the shield of the United States.

The medal was designed by Geo. T. Morgan. Its size is 48 mm. The medal bears the engravers initial, M, but it is claimed that a small number—about 60—were struck without the initial. Dealers are asking about \$5.00 for these, while the others may be bought at the Philadelphia mint for \$1.00 in bronze, about \$8.00 in silver and about \$30.00 in gold. This medal—as well as all others issued by the Government—are sold to the public by the mint at Philadelphia, where all medals are struck.

In recognition of their services as relief workers in the trans-Caucasus in 1919 and 1920, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hadley have been presented with Near East relief medals. The medals are oval bronze pieces suspended from blue and white ribbons. The obverse side bears the Armenian coat of arms and the reverse bears the insignia of the Near East relief, surrounded by the words, "For faithful and unselfish service to humanity."

Miss Margherita Travascio, daughter of Frank A. Travascio of Philadelphia, has been decorated with the bronze medal of the Italian Red Cross society for her distinguished service during the war. This medal is a large and very beautiful piece.

The donor of the Park Museum, San Francisco, Calif., has added an interesting collection of bronze medals commemorating the illustrious soldiers who gave their lives for America during the World war. This group will be an interesting addition to the already fine collection of medals on exhibition.

Some time ago two armed robbers stole a medal, bearing the date of 1439, from Dr. D. T. Johnson's Office, Fort Smith, Ark. The medal is said to have been worn by Napoleon during his military career. It was given to Dr. Johnson by friends who recovered it from the Holy Land, where it had been lost some years ago.

The first award of the Edward W. Bok gold medal and \$10,000 in money went to Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the Philadelphia orchestra. The medal was designed by Violet Oakley, whose murals in the state capital at Harrisburg are known throughout the artistic world. It measures three inches in diameter. The obverse shows the young William Penn in armor, sword in hand, and the words, "The Philadelphia Award, Founded by Edward W. Bok." The name of the recipient to be engraved on this side. The reverse side shows the figure of Christ washing the feet of the disciple John, and bears the scriptural text, "I am among you as he that serveth."

The figure of William Penn was chosen as the embodiment of the spirit of Pennsylvania. While Penn was pre-eminently a man of peace, he is

represented in armor and armed, but these, according to Miss Oakley, should be regarded as symbols, "the armor of light" and "the sword of the spirit."

Mr. Bok, who for so many years was editor of "The Ladies Home Journal," has also recently established what is known as the Citizen's Award for the purpose of rewarding distinguished service on the part of Philadelphia's policemen, firemen and park guards.

Badges in commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Rock Island railroad have been distributed to employees of the road. The medallion suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon has the familiar shield of the railroad in the center with the inscription "Seventieth Anniversary, Rock Island Railroad, 1851-1922." On the reverse side, in relief, is a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, who was attorney for the company in the celebrated Mississippi river bridge case. On one side of the portrait is a picture of an old wood burning engine and on the other side a modern locomotive. Below is a picture of the first bridge built across the Mississippi, and underneath is the inscription "First Bridge Across Mississippi river, Rock Island Lines, Seventy Years of Service."

On the envelope containing the medallion is the following: This medallion is issued to commemorate the achievement of those who have passed on and the growth and progress of the West in the three score years and ten years allotted as the life of man. It is hoped you will cherish it. As the years pass on it will have greater significance for you and yours and a reminder of your part in a worthy achievement. Wear it conspicuously on Oct. 10, 1922, but not before that date."

HISTORIC FIREARM.

Shelbyville, Ind.—(CDT)—A rifle used in battles of the Revolutionary war by Louis Whetzel, soldier and Indian hunter, was exhibited here during the Shelby county centennial celebration. A sword owned by Jacob Whetzel was also shown. Louis Whetzel was one of five brothers, whose father was killed by the Indians, who also captured a sister. The brothers took up the trail, killed the Indians and rescued their sister. She later married Nathan Goodrich, who was a soldier of the Revolution. Louis Whetzel, after the death of his father devoted the remainder of his life to tracking down and killing the redman.

Whetzel was called the Greatest Indian fighter known for his relation at WEST publisher city, whose great grandfather made fine double-barrel rifle, in 1827, finely engraved and inlaid, and is in good shooting order to day, this party here has picked up nearly thousand or more fine Indian relics in Nebraska and Kansas, will be worth while to look up and see same if near this city.

Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life. A little library, growing larger each year, is an honorable part of man's history. It is a man's duty to have books.

A collector before marriage wants only proof coins, but his wife is just as happy and contented with good ones.

There is nothing lazy about Want Ads; you can always depend upon them.

COIN NOTES.

Coins of Roman Empire.

Randolph Laughlin, St. Louis attorney and collector of ancient coins, has received thirty-two Roman coins, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says, which he purchased through an agent from the collection of Sir Arthur Evans, the English archaeologist.

The coins purchased by Laughlin date from the time of Mark Antony, B. C. 48, to the Emperor Maximianus II, A. D. 305-311. They were found near the Suez canal in Egypt, and had been preserved by the sand in remarkably good condition. The inscriptions are clear, and the engraving shows rare workmanship. The coins were struck from dies, but without the collar, which nowadays gives a perfectly circular shape. They are of almost pure gold.

Commenting upon the likeness of the emperors and their wives struck on these coins, Laughlin said it was strange that makers of coins in widely separated parts of the Roman empire should strike coins of the same emperor and bring out the likeness with such fidelity.

"We can almost tell the character of those whose heads are portrayed on the coins," said Laughlin. "Their stamped likeness reveal almost as much as the pages of history do concerning their natures."

Among the thousand coins in his whole collection, Laughlin has some dating before the time of Alexander the Great. There is a coin from Crete which antedates the Phoenicians, the inscription on which reveals the fact that the Cretans had the elements of the present alphabet before the Phoenicians.

One coin is of a group of ninety-six taken from a mound on the plains of Marathon, where, according to Herodotus, the Greek historian, ten thousand Greeks routed one hundred thousand Persians, B. C. 490.

It was the custom among the Greeks to place a coin on the tongue of every dead warrior. The ninety-six coins found would seem to substantiate the story of Herodotus, who wrote that the Greeks lost only about a hundred men, who were buried in a mound. The coin is of bronze and bears a well preserved inscription.

The ones illustrated are: Top row, left to right, Coin of Fulvia, wife of Mark Antony, B. C. 43-40; Coin of Augustus Caesar, B. C. 27-25; coin of Agrippina, mother of Nero, A. D. 41-54; second row, coin of Hadrian, A. D. 117-138; coin of Antoninus Pius, A. D. 138-161, coin of Faustina I, wife of Antoninus Pius A. D. 138-141. Each of these coins had a purchasing power of about \$15.

THE VOGUE.

As to what stamps will enjoy the greatest vogue in 1922-23 we have no hesitation in plumping for War stamps, which, despite all captious critics, not only maintain but strengthen their hold upon the public favour as time goes on. Next to them we would place Aero stamps as the latest popular favourites, closely followed by modern British Colonials with special reference to the coloured paper varieties on the strength of the report that they are to receive special attention in the forthcoming Gibbons. Early imperforate and such like "classics" will of course retain their allurements for philatelists who are unaffected by the vagaries of philatelic fashion, and so there will be something to interest and appeal to collectors of all tastes.—Philatelic Magazine.

Say it by advertising.

NUMISMATIC NOTES.—By Ralph L. King.

Albert Struna, of 1137 Twelfth street, North Chicago, Ill., is the possessor of a bronze medal issued in honor of Baron Friedrich William Von Steuben, noted Prussian military officer who reduced himself to poverty by outfitting his soldiers in fighting for the independence of the United States against England.

The medal was found in Waukegan, Ill., about eight years ago, by his brother, Frank Struna, now deceased, while making some excavations.

One side of the medal bears a likeness of Baron Von Steuben and the words and date: "In Commemoration of Our Independence; 1776." The other side. The other side bears the likeness of George Washington and a similar inscription.

Baron came to this country in 1777 and offered his services. He was given the rank of major general, and proved of great value by introducing and establishing a system of discipline and tactics, having acquired a perfect knowledge of military tactics under Frederick, the Great. On December 7, 1910, a statue was unveiled in Washington to his memory.

DON'T COLLECT LITTER—COLLECT LITERATURE.

It is essential to every philatelist and dealer to have at his elbow as complete a philatelic library as possible. This should embrace not only monographs on special countries or subjects, but a range of the world's periodicals in which much information not otherwise obtainable is to be found. To cull isolated articles is not only a mistake, and the most expensive way to seek knowledge, but soon involves the collector in a hopeless task of keeping track of them. The only sound way is to make your volumes complete.—Philatelic Magazine.

The discoverer of America entertained a high respect for bank directors, as evidenced by the following letter, dated the 2nd of April, 1502, addressed to the Bank of St. George at Genoa.

TO THE MOST NOBLE GENTLEMEN OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT BANK OF ST. GEORGE:

"Altho' my body be walking here, my heart is always with you. Our Lord has bestowed on me the greatest blessings, which since the time of David he has conferred on anyone. The affairs of my enterprise are already brightening up, and would shine yet more did not the darkness of the Government cover them. I return to the Indies in the name of the most Holy Trinity **speedily to return again**, and because I am mortal I leave orders to Don Diego my son, that of all my income he is to account to you for the tenth of the whole, year by year perpetually, in order to reduce the price of corn."

On the outside of the cover in which the letter was found folded, is this inscription:

Letter of the **LORD HIGH ADMIRAL DON CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.**

Free tips in each issue of the West on stamps by expert writers—what to salt away—combine business and pleasure. Make money out of your investment hobby. Watch the West advertisements.

Italy got a new sene. I have seen the 50c ,1.25, 2 lire; also the 5 and 10c surcharged: cinema (Picture show.)

Be sure to get next issue. Send in your subscription NOW.

MEDAL MADE OF BULLETS GIVEN TO KANSAS MAN

Russians Show Gratitude for Relief by Americans.

Moscow (By Mail)—A medal cast from bullets dug from the walls of their homes, because they had no gold or even bronze with which to make it has been presented to P. C. Hiebert, of Hillsboro, Kansas, chairman of the American Mennonite Relief, by the villagers of Chortitza Rosental in South Russia.

On one side, the medal bears the figure of a man distributing bread to a woman and three children. The other shows a steamship flying the American flag and is inscribed in German "Thanks to the brethren beyond the ocean. We were hungry and ye gave us meat."

Mr. Hiebert is leaving Moscow for America and will take the medal with him.

STEAL PRODUCT OF MINES.

Riga—The soviet press reports that an emerald weighing one pound and seven ounces had been found in the Gerard mines in the Urals. This stone is being brought to Moscow under special guard and will be sold abroad by the soviet commissariat of foreign trade.

The Moscow Economical Life published a pessimistic account of the production of the platinum mines in the Urals. The newspaper reports that more than fifty per cent of the total amount of platinum which is being mined is being stolen by the employees. It is insinuated that even commissars in charge of the mines are illegally selling the output to speculators in Moscow.

The writer recently saw five pounds of smelted lump platinum which had been smuggled into Riga from Moscow to be sold to representatives of large European jewelry concerns who are making this city their headquarters. These men carry small laboratories with them, in order to test the metal before they purchase it. Much of this platinum is melted with silver in order to increase its bulk. Amateur buyers who purchase platinum in Moscow to speculate with it or to sell it abroad have recently incurred large losses by buying adulterated metal.

THE DOLLAR VALUE.

We wonder if the time will ever come when it will be possible to step into any bank and obtain a loan on a stamp collection to the value of 50 per cent or 75 per cent—as one of the leading dealers of Europe tells us is possible in Switzerland. Then collecting will be on a solid basis.—Roessler's Stamp News.

A BRIGHT BOOK.

We have received for review the 12th edition of Bright & Son's A. B. C. catalogue of stamps of Europe and its colonies, listing issues up to the end of January, 1922. It is well printed, on good paper, and the price but 5s. post free. Send direct to publisher.—London, England, 164 Strand.

There is a certain class of collectors called "the bellyache kind" that purchase of any "fly by night" concern and then lament that they did not stick to the "WEST" advertisers for their goods.

I had a balance in the bank last year. About that time I fell in love with collecting stamps. O, its love that makes the world go round, but I didn't think it would go so fast as to make me lose my balance.—Sparks.

UNITED STATES FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

Immediately after specie payments were suspended in the early part of 1862, when gold and silver coins disappeared from circulation, the place of subsidiary silver coins was for a time supplied by tickets, due-bills and other forms of private obligations, which were issued by merchants and corporations. Congress soon authorized the use of postage stamps for change and then a modified form of postage stamps called postage currency, and finally fractional currency in denominations corresponding to the subsidiary silver coins.

This currency is yet redeemable by the Government and it is very scarce. A set or collection of the fractional currency always proves of great interest to anyone, whether a coin collector or not.

First Issue.

Issued August 21, 1862, to May 27, 1863. The original "Postage Currency."

5c Note—Facsimile of a 5c stamp; Jefferson; brown color. 10c Note—Facsimile of a 10c stamp; Washington; green. 25c Note—Facsimile of five 5c stamps; brown. 50c Note—Facsimile of five 10c stamps; green.

The above notes were also made with perforated edges, the same as postage stamps. These are rare.

Second Issue.

Issued from October 10, 1863, to February 23, 1867.

All notes of this issue are of one design. Portrait of George Washington in oval gold frame; levee scene below. The face of the notes are printed in gray.

5c Note—Brown back. 10c Note—Green back. 25c Note—Lilac back. 50c Note—Orange back.

Third Issue.

Issued September 5, 1864, to August 16, 1869. Green backs.

3c Note—Portrait of Washington. The smallest note issued by U. S. 5c Note—Portrait of Clark. 10c Note—Portrait of Washington. 25c Note—Portrait of Fessenden. 50c Note—Portrait of Spinner. 50c Note—Justice seated.

All notes of this issue, except the 3c, were also issued with red backs and with various autograph signatures. They are all quite rare. The notes are all legal tender.

Fourth Issue.

Issued July 14, 1869, to February 15, 1875.

10c Note—Portrait of Liberty. 15c Note—Portrait of Columbia. 25c Note—Portrait of Washington. 50c Note—Portrait of Stanton, the famous Secretary of War under Lincoln. 50c Note—Portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

Fifth Issue.

Issued February 26, 1874, to February 15, 1876.

10c Note—Portrait of Meredith; red seal. 10c Note—Portrait of Meredith; green treasury seal. 25c Note—Portrait of Walker; plain paper. 25c Note—Portrait of Walker; silk fibre paper. 50c Note—Portrait of Crawford. 50c Note—Portrait of Dexter.

Already "the Collecting Fever" is taking root deeper than ever before. The sooner you unfold your offering, the sooner you'll unload it! In times of need—and other times, the Want X Ad is Every Collector's Friend! It carries Interest and Desire with it! If you have anything to sell, no matter what it may be, and you want speedy results, use Trade X Ads. Don't Delay!

NEWS FOR THE HOBBIST.—Gleaned from the Press by W. Straley.

Early in October, thousands of articles in the Dreamwold collection of Thos. W. Lawson, who recently met with financial reverses were sold under the hammer. The collection was insured for \$200,000. The famous collection of elephants, numbering some 200 were in the collection—these objects varied in size from a gold specimen the size of a peachstone to bronze over a foot in height.

The site of the Pueblo of Pecos, which, according to scientists was a flourishing community 600 A. D., and termed the oldest walled city in the United States, was the scene recently of a field session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The site is owned by the school of American Research at Santa Fe, N. M., and excavations have been going on there the past four years under the direction of Dr. A. V. Kidder of Andover college. The Spaniards under Coronado visited the site as early as 1540, at which time there was a population of some 2,500 souls.

W. W. Brown, ornithologist of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, who has just completed an extended observation and collection trip to Mexico, is shipping to the museum the result of his labors. He discovered many rare specimens of birds which will prove of interest to the lovers of bird-life. The collection will be known as the Dr. L. C. Sanford collection in honor of Dr. Sanford of the museum, who sponsored the expedition.

Princeton University is exhibiting in Guyot Hall the fossil remains of a giant titanothere, sabre-toothed cats and three-toed horses, recently unearthed by Prof. Wm. J. Sinclair, curator of vertebrate paleontology, in the Bad Lands of South Dakota. Many other interesting fossils were discovered.

The paper currencies have practically ceased to expand in some European countries; in others inflation is going on at a more rapid rate than ever before; while in a few countries material contraction has already taken place.

The most prominent among those which are contracting their paper money circulation are the former neutrals and Great Britain. France and Italy may be classed with these or among the countries, like Czecho-Slovakia, the volume of whose currency appears to be relatively stabilized, but France and Italy continue the expansion of their short term debts. Currency inflation, however, is still proceeding at a rapid pace in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and a few other eastern European states.

Looked at from the standpoint of gold reserves, the European situation appears somewhat improved, although the gold is not in free circulation and is held also as a reserve against deposits in the note issuing banks. The fiscal situation in various European countries shows wide differences, however, for some have surprisingly large amounts of gold on hand while others have virtually no gold at all.

Dear Doctor Evans:—I weigh 160 pounds on the earth. If I go to the moon my weight will only be 27 pounds. What diet should I take to regain my lost weight on the moon.

This magazine is not an expense but an investment, yielding profits in proportion to how much you use it.

REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD CURIOSITY SHOP—By O. Beinke.

Look up in your attic for old things
you call junk,

Men collect relics of all kinds today.
Please don't stop reading this and say
it is bunk,

For we want the things that you're
go'n to throw away.

For instance there is the Spinning
Wheel of many years ago,
The Rocking Chair of Grandad's and
Grandma's parlor clock,
The Pots and Pans and Dishes,—the
Brooch with the Cameo,
Rare Coins, Stamps, and Tokens left
in someone's old sock.

Newspapers, Albums, and Autographs
of our most famous men,
Old Powder Flasks and Powder Horns
and Pistols—I say'
The Tom-a-hawks, the Hatchets, you
will find them in your den,
And Spears and Bows and Arrows
they are hard to buy today.

Old Baskets, Wall Pockets, and Pion-
eer Frames,
Pictures of Lincoln, Washington and
Grant,
The Poets, the Fighters and Suffer-
gette dames,
Oil Paintings of the Stage Coach are
never second hand.

The Sheffield and the Willow ware in
plates and other things,
Old Gold, Silver, Pewter, and Brass,
made in relic style,
Old Ear Drops, Neck Chains, and
Mothers Bar Pins,
And in order to get them we'd walk
many a mile.

Some trade the Indian Bonnet for the
Russian Samovar.

And some a pair of Chinese Shoes for
a pair of Moccasins,*

Some an old Mine Diamond Ring for
a modern Motor Car,

Others Mountain Lion Skins for Can-
adian Lambrequins.

Deer Heads, Antlers and Steer Horns
are always in demand.

Snake Hides, Furs, Fish, and Butter-
flies,

Shell and Corals found in the Sea and
on the land,

Are made into Scarf Pins which the
boys wear in their ties.

There are Opals and Bloodstones,
Pearls, and the Intaglio,
Aqua Marine and Peridot and tourma-
line too,

You will see them in rings on the Jane
with the show,

The Emerald, the Sapphire, were all
worn by the girls of long ago.

Old Books, and Old Bibles of centuries
back,

Are used today as history in our
schools everywhere,

The reformer of the Flapper & the
Political Cat,

All use these famous writings in arti-
cles here and there.

I guess I could possibly tell you more
if space I could find,

But if you will please tell me if my
writing does offend,

For criticism's always helpful to
everybody's mind,

And I will always try to be your Cur-
iosity Shop friend.

Coins vs. Stamps.

The \$32,000 stamp will turn to dust long before the \$10,000 gold coin has
even lost its brilliancy. Gold lasts forever.—Sparks.

Capital of the State of Matrimony is money.

It is characteristic of some collectors that they imagine their stamps
are in better condition than anybody else will concede.

BOOK NOTES

Edited by Roy Adair, 1715 Champa, Denver, Colo. Under this heading we will answer all inquiries pertaining to books. Questions and answers of interest to subscribers will be published here each issue. Parties having interesting notes kindly send to the above.

In 1862 a machine for microscopic writing was invented, and calculations based upon it were said to show that the whole bible can be written twenty-two times in the space of a postage stamp.

Venus and Adonis the oldest existing edition of any work of Shakespeare sold at a London sale for \$75,000—a record price.

Two of the rarest books of Americana are the following Bryant's "The Embargo," written when the poet was thirteen years of age. Another the fourth on the list is the first New York City Directory published in 1786.

Poe's "Tamerlane" the rarest of books on Americana recently brought \$11,000 the record price.

The only perfect copy known of the "Morte d' Arthur" by Morgan Caxton; printed at Westminster in 1485 cost Mr. Morgan \$42,800.

One hundred and eighty copies of the first Folio of Shakespeare have been traced. In 1864 a fine copy brought \$3500 and last record is over \$40,000.

Another extremely rare book, The Wisdom of Dr. Dodypoll, 1600, of which there are only three known copies recently found a buyer who would rather have the book than \$5000.00.

The library of the late Henry E. Huntington which was presented to the state of California contained a Mazarin (Gutenberg) Bible, for which he paid \$65,000.

The above book was the first book ever printed from movable types and the date is 1450.

The smallest of all books, is a volume one half of an inch by one quarter. It was published about 1897 by Salmin of Padau, one of the Lilliputian printers, and contains an unpublished letter of Galileo to Madame Crestine of Lorraine.

Since the collecting of Americana began a constant search has been carried on to unearth a copy of the first American Almanac. Its title is "An Almanac for 1639," by William Pierce, Cambridge. Printed by Stephen Daye, 1639." William Pierce was a mariner, for many years the most noted that had ever come into New England waters, and the friend of the early leaders of the Massachusetts Colony. Daye was the first New England printer. The Pierce almanac antedated by one year the "Bay Psalm Book" the first book printed in New England.

The highest price ever paid for a single edition of any author's works was recorded recently when a New York dealer bought from another firm a de luxe edition of Mark Twain, valued at more than \$200,000.

In the past few years the first editions of many recent authors have been very much in demand and some prices are sky high. Some of the first editions of Mark Twain are selling as high as \$50.00 and are very much in demand. Another author very much in demand is Herman Melville. Prices range on his books \$5.00 to \$25.00. Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass 12 poems, folio, Brooklyn 1855 sold for \$15.00 in 1885, and now brought \$200.00. On the other hand there was a great price decline on the first editions of Sidney Porter (O. Henry). A few years ago they were bringing \$5.00 to \$75.00 each but recently 8 vols of the firsts sold for only \$17.50 and this too with a room full of dealers and collectors.

INQUIRIES

It is to your benefit as well as our, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

R. R. Caudler, Lynchburg, Va.:—For a standard coin and stamp catalogue write the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York, N. Y.

Ad. Mgr. Box 734, Helena, Ark.:—Concerning the book on coins by A. M. Smith, write Mr. Nelson T. Thorson, Publisher "Omaha Posten," Omaha, Nebr. I think he can supply it in quantities.

M. S.

Gold is coined at the present time at our mints.

There were no gold coins issued by the Government in connection with the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle in 1909, but a set of gold "tokens"—\$1.00, 50 and 25 cents—was issued by a private concern for speculative purpose. There was a similar issue for California in 1915. There are several such issues for the western mining states, but none of these issues can be classed coins.

Mr. A. Santher, Wichita, Kansas:—

I have received your card regarding the item in this magazine some time ago to the effect that no one cent pieces were coined in 1823. This statement is correct according to the United States official mint report, which states that no one cent pieces were coined during the calendar year 1823, though I am fully aware that there are one cent pieces bearing that date. This phenomenon may be explained in the same manner as the controversy as to whether or not silver dollars were coined in 1804. It has been stated by some that the records of the Philadelphia mint during its first years of operation are not absolutely correct, though I am not in position to verify such a statement.

Q. How many different kinds of coins are used for money? H. S.

A. About 600 coins are recognized as legal tender in the world of commerce. Latvia has added the latest coin. It is called the lat and has the same value as a franc.

H. W. Straughn, Ripley, Okla.:—The coinage of silver dollars was discontinued in 1904 and none was coined again until the year 1921. Under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918, there was coined that year 86,730,000 standard silver dollars, old design, but not until I get the mint report for this year can I state how many were struck at each mint. The 1922 mint report will bring that information. Of Peace dollars there were coined during December, 1921, 1,006,473 pieces.

M. S.

H. P. Perry, Westfield, Mass.:—The articles you mention will find ready buyers if you get in touch with the right parties. Look over the advertisements in the "West" and you will find names and addresses of many parties wanting to buy such curios. Or advertise them in the same journal, and if the price is right, I am certain you will find willing buyers.

M. S.

L. W. Stilwell, Deadwood, S. D.,—The subject of this sketch, whose illustration appears, is the well known wholesale dealer in Indian curio, Geological Specimens, Elk Teeth, Gems, Novel Jewelry, who for 37 years has pursued the business at Deadwood, S. Dak. A short history of his career may be of interest to the hundreds of friends he has made during this period all over the U. S., Canada and Europe.

He became interested first in Minerals and Fossils while employed in a bank at Deadwood, in which occupation he was engaged for 10 years. From 1884 to the present time he has been building up a mail order business that has reached proportions in these lines second to few in the country. He has his own two story building and office filled full with a stock of these goods worth while visiting by all those having tastes kindred to his own. He has supplied largely, himself alone, the majority of the mammalian Fossils of the wonderful Bad Lands of South Dakota that grace the museums of Europe. He employed for years collectors to tent in the "Bad Lands" during the summer months and gather quantities of the Tertiary and Cretaceous Fossils of great interest to scientists everywhere. The remains of the huge animal called the Titanotherium he has furnished to many museums of America and dealers on both continents. His stock was replete at all times with fine mineral specimens from all parts of the world.

His stock of ancient stone relics was always complete, and he has gladdened the hearts of thousands of lovers of archaeological study and tastes by keeping on sale a vast variety of all sorts of stone objects of prehistoric Indian artifacts, of the Pre-Columbian and Mound Builders Age, even as high as 10,000 pieces having been in stock at one time.

He has handled about every known article in Sioux Indian Beadwork and Weapons, supplying dealers in curio stores to the extent of many times tens of thousands of dollars worth of interesting buckskin beadwork of several tribes. Also Basketry of diversified weaves from many of the wild Indian Basket makers.

His business in unmounted Elk Teeth, sold to many of the 33,000 jewelers of the U. S., has been greater than any other dealer handling them in this manner.

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And he not only keeps this diversified stock for the benefit of those in the market interested in such goods, but he is so familiar with each and every article composing his stock that he can name the value of any item instantly upon sight. His systematized arrangement, and classification, and rules for valuation, are reliable and quite the standard to govern the market for these things. He is always glad to see any of his customers

and show anyone who is interested through his numerous cases of drawers, whether they come to buy or not. Most of his trade is at wholesale to the dealers of his lines, and his advertisements may be seen in various periodicals and trade journals of the country at all times.

He has had ads in West for past twenty years or more and find him one of the most reliable dealers of the west.

STAMP COLLECTING 45 YEARS AGO.—By J. S. Reese, Ohio.

(Continued from last issue.)

I look back with pleasant memories to those days when I would join the friends of my youth in hunting excursions in attics, etc. How interesting it was to explore the remote corners of old trunks for stamps. How our eyes would sparkle when we came across a bunch of old letters—prizes galore, then dividing the find among ourselves. Often we would spend hours in the post office watching foreigners when they came for their mail and ask for the stamps off their letters. Those were the good old days of stamp collecting. The real enjoyment is not only in securing a large number of specimens but also the knowledge gained of geography, history and art. These are the most valuable returns from the hobby today the same as it was years ago, not to say anything about the profits from the investment. Occasionally I would be fortunate to secure a copy of a philatelic magazine. Every word contained therein from first page to the last was eagerly read by myself and then the copy was passed along to the other boys. There were few such publications then so that when one did reach us it was always met with a hearty welcome.

I continued adding to my collection for about six years when other matters demanded my attention so that my collection was laid away undisturbed for a number of years.

About twenty-five years ago having met with reverses in life and my finances becoming low, I brought out my old stamp collection with a view of selling it to secure much needed funds. In looking it over I found it to contain many now choice and valuable specimens—souvenirs of my boyhood days. The collection was contained in three parts: Part one contained United States postage; Part two United States Revenues. Part three Foreign postage. In part one were complete sets of adhesives from 1847 to date, many unused, including the New York 5 cent and many original locals on covers. Complete sets, unused, of all department stamps (what a rich sight that would be to my eyes to gaze on them today.) In the revenue section were nearly everything in match and medicine stamps as well as choice specimens of document and proprietary. The foreign section contained a large number but few of them being rarities.

I made out a catalogue of all I had and sent it to an eastern dealer requesting a cash offer for all three sections. In a short time the reply came offering the paltry sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars. I again examined my much prized collection while considering the amount offered for it. The collection looked so good to me, oh, so good, as did also the cash offer for it. I was in great need of funds, so what could I do? After pondering over the matter for several days I finally decided to accept the offer. I shipped the three albums and in a few days was the happy possessor of a check for \$275.00.

One day, in the summer of 1920 I found among some old books of mine a

stamp catalogue dated many years ago. It awakened in me a new interest in stamps. This volume was very much smaller than the catalogues of the present day. I forthwith sent for a 1920 catalogue and compared the prices of specimens to day with those in the old catalogue and was somewhat surprised to note the great advance in prices, especially of United States stamps. My old collection would be worth today many hundred dollars more than I received for it years ago.

I concluded that it would be a good investment to again make a collection of United States stamps even at the present price of specimens. The returns in a few years for the money invested would be greater than what any bank or similar institution could offer. The pleasure derived from the work of arranging the collection would more than pay for the time spent. Although now rather advanced in years I promptly purchased a good blank album and began to acquire gradually a new collection as fast as my limited means would allow. I am now getting as much pleasure out of the hobby as I did when a boy. It seems that the fascination of philately never diminishes as one grows old. Why should it? A man should have some interesting and profitable diversion to occupy his mind and attention to ward off worry and anxiety and keep his mind pure. The world would be better if more time were given to such as the study and entertainment of stamp collecting instead of drifting into so much of the reckless amusements and dissipation of the present day.

If you have a boy then by all means try and get him interested in stamp collecting before he finds some worthless amusement to demand his attention. He will grow up a better man from the knowledge and education gained from philately.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

N. Havens:—Can you inform me as to the type, maker, date, etc., of the two rifles and blunderbuss, illustrated in the September issue of "West" among the firearms of the Walpole Galleries? Also the long, large-bladed knife found on the same page?

Ans.:—The one with the crank fastened on the side is an air rifle, made by J. Lurch, New York. The other large gun is a Roper, 4 shot, shot gun, made by the Roper Repeating Rifle Co., Amhurst, Mass.

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We mention on another page write up of one of our oldest dealers, L. W. Stillwell, who has had three pages in this and last issue, and been one of our oldest advertisers.

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